

A young Wesl German couple talk to an East German border guard through a hole in the Berlin Wall near the Heinrich-Heine-Strasse crossing. (Reuter

E. Germany holds polls

Step toward unity

(Reuter): East Germany stages Eastern Europe's first free election in 40 years tomorrow, a giant step toward unity with West Germany after Stalinist

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rule ended last year: The virtual hijacking of the campaign by West German political leaders playing on



EAST BERLIN, March 17, voters desperate desire for econ-(Reuter): East Germany slages outic salvation disturbed some

prospect of choosing among dis-tinct parties — 24 ranging from the Marxist-Leninist left to the capitalist right — for the first time in their lives.

"The first day of school. The first kiss. The first love. The first salary. The first child. And so on. Now, the first election. The first free one. Secret and equal," the youth newspaper Junge Welt

enthused today.
Almost 600 rallies and demonstrations drawing more than 1.2 million people — a tenth of the electorate - saturated the country in the final two weeks before the elections, the official news

It was a barometer of the election fever gripping a country where previous voting exercises - for one slate of communists and small-party minions elicited only yawns from all but a minority of Stalinist true believers. (See Page 4)

agency ADN said.

nen flag as she listens to the party's Libva blames saboteurs

Fire at Rabta

CAIRO, March 17, (Agencies): Libya today blamed foreign intelligence agents for a fire at a chemical plant in Rabia, which the United States and West Germany said was producing unustard and nerve gases.

Although it did not accuse them directly. Libya suggested the United States and Israel had the most to gain from the fire at the Rabia chemical plant 40 miles (65 km) south of the Libyan capital Tripoli, which Arab diplomane sources said had left it a smouldering rubble.

President Bush said today he did not know for certain whether an accident or sabotage was responsible for the fire at Rabia. But US Defence Secretary Dick Chengy said vesterday he suspected Libyan incompetency may have been to

Cheney said yesterday he suspected Libyan incompetency may have been to

The state-owned Libyan news agency Jana quoted a source at the people's foreign liason and international co-operation bureau, or Foreign Ministry, as

The huge fire was "a manifestation of organised state terrorism, carried out

by hostile intelligence apparatuses," Jana; quoted the Libyan source as saying.

Earlier, Arab diplomatic sources in Algiers said a commando team that travelled to Libya from neighbouring Tunisia set the fire. The saboteurs were

confirming that Rabta had been subjected to, "a terrorist sabotage operation.

East Germans.

"But they still thrilled at the

in the Arab-Israeli conflict.

ceded with Saddam to communte the death sentence on Bazoft. Saddam's visit came as tens of

thousands of Iraqis took to the streets in all major cities to denounce UK for withdrawing its ambassador, expelling six Iraqi military students and cancelling all military visits.

The Iraqis besieged the British

No embassy personnel could be seen in the compound, where they usually play tennis or hold exercise sessions on Saturday mornings. The Baath Party called for nation-

wide demonstrations after Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher's government in London denounced Bazoft's execution as barbaric recalled its ambassador, Harold

However, it resisted calls to break off relations with Iraq and impose economic sanctions on it.

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Vilification campaign uncalled for

By Ahmed Al Jarallah Editor-in-Chief

MANAMA, March 17: Bahraini Prime Mini-ster Sheikh Khalifa Bin Sahman Al Khalifa has described the current campaign against Iraq as "uncalled for, unreasoned and an interference into Iraq'a internal affairs."

He told the Editor-in-Chief of Arab Times Ahmad Jarallah, that it's the right of Iraq to safeguard its national security and take decisive measures against all those who attempt to violate it, particularly those who are proved to have been dealing with foreign

The Prime Minister of Bahrain added that the history of the recently executed spy Farzad Bazoft, in Iraq is not clean which is evident from the reports about him in the British

newspapers themselves.

Sheikh Khalifa said that Iraq executed the spy according to its own laws, which can be applied to both traqias well as foreign nationals.

"For this reason, Iraq shouldn't have been the target of an unjust campaign just because of applying its own laws. Sheikh Khalifa stressed. He added that the capital punisbment is applied in many countries not only for spying but also for other crimes like drugs for

He said that the current campaign against Iraq revives our demands on the need to have balanced Arab relations that would make the whole world feel that Arabs have unified posi-tions in which any harm or damage inflicted on any Arab country should be considered as directed to all Arab countries.

"This should ultimately lead to a unified Arab reaction which the whole world would feel and realise its true weight and influence,"

he said. Sheikh Khalifa emphasised that Arab countries do not wish to create enmitties with other countries in the world. "Arab countries on the

Saddam defended Iraq's action and the government-run press in the region have also backed the hanging of 31-year-old Farzad Bazoft, an

Bazoft was arrested in Iraq in September. He was sentenced to death

contrary are willing to establish fraternal relations with other countries," he said. "These Arab countries do not wish to see relations between Iraq and Britain deteriorate but want good relations." But Sheikh Khalifa stressed that other

countries in the world sbould respect the inter-

nal affairs of Arab countries. He said "We as

Arabs should understand Iraq's position. Iraq has full right to protect its internal front against any dangers of inreign interference."

Sheikh Khalifa called upon Arab countries to stand solidly behind Iraq, because these same Arab countries may face similar events

Condemned MUSCAT, March 17, (Reuter):

Gulf Arab and European Econ-omic Community foreign mini-sters from Britain, France and Ireland today condemned Israeli settlement in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"EEC and GCC ministers deplared the Israeli settlement policy in the occupied territories, including East Jerusalem," a communique issued after a oneday meeting said.

They condemned tsrael's violent repression of Palestinian protests, and said they must give more aid to Arabs living in the occupied areas.

lraqis protest

Saddam dashes to Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, March 17, (Agencies): Iraqi President Saddam Hussein made a surprise visit to Saudi Arabia today at the invitation of King Fahd following the uproar over Iraq executing a British-based journalist on spying charges.

Meanwhile, tens of thousands of Iraqi protestors marched in Baghdad and other cities to express anger at the British measures

for spying for Israel and Britain on March 11 and was hanged on Thursday, March 15. Saddam's visit was announced by the official Saudi Press Agency which said the Iraqi president arrived at the

The agency gave details of the airport reception ceremony led by Fahd but it did not comment on the purpose of the visit. Fahd has spent several weeks at Hafr Al Baten, base for a fledgling Gulf Rapid

northeastern town of Hafr Al Baten

at the invitation of the Saudi mon-

Deployment Force. Saddam was accompanied by Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz, Deputy Prime Minister Saadoun Hamadi and Latif Nassayif Jassim, minister

of information and culture. Diplomatic sources in the Gulf said, that Saudi and other Gulf foreign ministers meeting with British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd and other European Economic Community ministers on trade issues in Oman were pressing for restraint

Jordan's King Hussein expressed astonishment at the dimension of the international protest and warned that this might be part of a plot to pave the way for an attack on Iraq, viewing its strong military potential

In Amman, the English-language Jordan Times said the king had inter-

embassy compound in downtown Baghdad today to protest Britain's denunciation of Bazoft execution. The sprawling, walled compound on the western bank of the Tigris River was ringed by police officers and plain clothes security agents. They blocked the main entrance to the compound with their Mercedes

Officials of the ruling Baath Socialist Party estimated that 100,000 people turned out in Bagh-

There were no reports of violence as the demonstrators converged on the embassy, which was closed for the

Walker, expelled six Iraqi military trainees and hakted all visits to Bagh-dad by government officials.

Officials in Baghdad branded the

Nervous, upset Imelda appears in New York: lawyers concerned about fair trial

Plain John or a spy — doubts cast

to censure Iraq for the execution.

Iranian-born journalist for the Observer weekly.

LONDON, March 17, (Reuter): Two leading British espionage experts, one of them a Member of Parliament, bave suggested that Farzad Bazoft, a London-based journalist executed by Iraq as a spy this week, might have been working for Israel or Britain.

But the British government, friends and former colleagues on the Observer weekly newspaper, insisted he

Rupert Aliason, an espionage writer and parliamentarian, said on Friday that Bazoft, on assignment in Iraq, "had probably heard about something that might be spicy for the Israelis, went to do his bit and got caught."

"We know now that Bazoft offered himself four times to
the British police in recent months as an informer, It would
be highly likely he would offer himself to the Israelis."

Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, who has rejected Iraq's spying charge, said in parliament on Thursday that

Bazoft had offered information to London police four times between 1987 and 1989 but neither Hurd nor the police elaborated.

Allason's comments followed official confirmation on Friday that the 31-year-old Iranian-exile, who was hanged in Baghdad on Thursday after being convicted of spying for Israel, had served a year in prison in 1981 for bombinga savings bank.

Shortly before his execution, Bazoft told a Botish official he was innocent. The case has soured relations between Iraq and Britain and the British ambassador was recalled in protest.

Michael Mifsud, a friend of Bazoft, said in a television interview that disclosure of his murky past secured aimed at diverting any criticism that the British government had not taken a toughter line against Iraq.



Lithuania asks for help

'Huge crowd of tragis protest outside tha British ambassy in Baghdad in a show of official angar at Britain's condemnation

MOSCOW, March 17, (Reuter): Lithuania, facing a Kremlin ultimatum to pull back from its declaration of independence, today formed a new government and appealed for its recognition from democratic states across

the world. The Baltic republic's parliament issued the appeal sig-ned by President Vytautas Landsbergis hours after Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev gave Lithuania three

days to renounce its drive to break out of the Soviet Union The appeal, addressed to "the governments of democranic nations," said the March 11 independence declaration "expressed the will of the nation by proclaiming the legal continuation of the independent Lithuanian state" existing before 1940.

Speaking to the republic's parliament in the capital Vilnius, Landsbergis rejected proposals by Gorbachev that a referendum be staged to establish whether the Lithuanian people wanted to break away from the Soviet

"Rather than holding a referendum, we have other things to do. And then if we got involved in a decision, we ting that the will of the people had not yet been expressed,

The session, held a day after Gorbachev delivered his ultimatum tn Landsbergis and a week after Lithuania declared independence, was broadcast on Radio Vilnius and monitored by the British Broadcasting Corporation in

Latvia and Estonia, the two other once-independent Baltic republics incorporated into the Soviet Union in 1940, meanwhile prepared for elections on Sunday that could also put them firmly on a breakaway course.

While across the Russian federation, the country's lar-gest republic, voters take part in a second round ballot that could provide a fresh beadache for the Kremlin chief by putting radicals in control of major cities." In Vilnius, economist and senior Communist Party

member Kazimira Prunskene was chosen as the republic's new prime minister by the parliament, with the support of most Sajudis deputies as well as communist repr



Two killed in clash

Police opened fire on Saturday when Hindus and Muslims clashed in New Delhi, killing at Police opened fire on Saturday when rindus and Muslims clastred in New Derlit, Milling at least two people and wounding 25, police and news reports said.

The trouble began when residents of a predominantly Muslim neighbourhood objected to a group oil Hindus trying to extend the boundary of their cremation ground, a police spokesman said on condition of not being identified.

The agreement turned into a clash, which was broken up by the police. But minutes later a mobilionned and and hurled stones at police, who retailed by opening line it was not clear

if the mob was Muslims, Hindus or both.
United News of India said an 11-year-old Muslim boy, Mohammad Hanri, and an unidentified person were killed. The boy had bullet injuries in the neck, UNI said.
Parents sit beside the body of Mohammed Hanri. (Reuter wirepholo)

Singh may ride out Devi storm

By Thomas Abraham Arab Times correspondent

NEW DELHI, March 17: Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal's abrupt resignation from the cabinet last evening has come as a big jolt to the three-and-a-half month old government of Prime Minister V.P. Singh. plunging it into its first major crisis. But the storm is likely to blow over, government and party officials said

Devi Lal's resignation has revealed a rift in Singh's minority government, analysts said.

But a spokesman for Devi Lal's Janata Dal said be was confident that the deputy prime minister could be persuaded to reconsider his decision. Singh was huddled late last night with many of his senior colleagues, including ministers Madhu Dandavate, Ajit Singh, Arun Nebru, Sharad Yadav and Gujarat Chief Minister Chimanbhai Patel, to dis-

cuss the sudden development. No details of what transpired during the late-night meeting were available, though it looked like

serious efforts would be made to dis-suade Devi Lal from pressing his resignation. Many party leaders met Devi Lal today in this regard. Soon after the news of the resigna-tion broke. More than a hundred

journalists crowded outside Devi Lal's residence. Devi Lal did not come out to meet them for a long time, despite repeated requests, ultimately, he made a hrief appearance to confirm that be had wit office without giving any reason for the drastic action. Devi Lal, bowever, said be contin-

ued to be a member of the Janata Dal, the main constituent of the five-party National Front. It was also not immediately clear if he had resigned as the chairman of the Janata Dal's parliamentary board.

Informed sources said Devi Lal decided to quit in protest against the alleged "campaign of vilification" launched against him and the members of his family, including his son and Haryana Chief Minister Om Prakasb Chautala, and senior party (Continued on Page 2)

Jackets to save newsmen

LAHORE, March 17, (Reuter): Reporters covering a rally by Prime Minister Benazir Bbutto next week have been offered bulletproof jackets and helmets.

Bbutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP) said it made the offer yesterday following an incident on Thursday in Lahore when gunmen fired on a journal-Lahore is capital of Punjah province which is ruled by the anti-Bhutto, right

wing Islamic Democratic Alliance (IDA).

Nobody was hurt by the firing from automatic rifles and pistols which the

iournalists blamed on student followers of Punjab Chief Minister Nawaz Sharif, Benazir's main rival, whose spokesmen deny any involvement.

The march was to protest against an attack by youths on the offices of the mass-circulation Urdu-language daily Jang on Wednesday night. DAYBYDAY

Weather...

disguised as tourists, the sources said.

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imelda goes into lederal court with her lawyer Garry Spence in New York,

NEW YORK, March 17, (Agencies): Former Philippine first lady Imelda Marcos. looking nervous and upset, appeared in court in New York yesterday and her lawyer said he was worried that she could

not get a fair trial. Mrs Marcos, wearing a black dress and matching scarf draped around her neck and shoulders, dabbed her mouth and chin with tissue and held rosary beads as a series of pre-trial hearings began before her trial starts on Tuesday.

She is charged with conspiring with her late husband, ousted Philippines president Ferdinand Marcos, to loot \$103 million from their nation's treasury to secretly buy Manhattan real estate.

Saudi financier Adnan Khashoggi, also charged in the case, appeared in court looking confident and attentive in a navy blue sint. He is charged with assisting in the

Mrs Marcos went up the steps of Manhattan federal court on the arm of lawyer Gerry Spence who, wearing a Stetson hat, guided Mrs Marcos past reporters and into a waiting elevator.

He told US district judge John Keenan he was concerned about whether an unbiased panel of jurors could be selected. "She has been tried and convicted in the

press ... our primary concern .. is how we can determine best that this woman will have a trial with jurors who don't have any preconceived ideas about her."

He told the judge that during a prescreening of jurors on Thursday he was advised by a court administrator that never in the history of this courthouse has there been so many people willing to sit on a four-month trial.

He said some of the jurors said they already believed Mrs Marcos guilty. "The thing that concerns me is a juror who believes that but doesn't say it," Spence

But judge Reenan tried to assure him that all measures would be taken to eliminate biased jurors. "I'm going to pick the jury, Mr Spence and I'm going to pick the jury fairly," the judge said.

The trial is expected to last three to four

Mrs Marcos, 60, and her late husband were indicted by a grand jury for plundering the Philippine treasury and fraudulently borrowing \$165 million from US banks to refinance the buildings and to buy additional property.

Ferdinand Marcos died on September 28 in Honolulu at the age of 72.



SEVERAL old-aged committees exist in many ministries with the objective of solving problems, but in effect they hamper solutions. To locate these members. who are not from official bodies, requires a microscope as they are either travelling outside Kuwait, or camping in the desert, or in their chalets and others are sick. Thus issues related to the public are held in aheyance - even

Is not the official body sufficient to deal with public

though these issues relate to

their very future.

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Ishaq, opposition talk Sind

ISLAMABAD, March 17, (Kuna): A 15member delegation of senior opposition leaders met President Ghulam Ishaq Khan at the presidency here today and discussed the law and order situation in the troubled Sind province of the country.

During the hour-long meeting other matters of national interest were also discussed by the delegation, led hy leader of the Combined Opposition in the Nanonal Assembly Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi. Jatoi later told reporters that the delega-tion had suggested to the President to convene an all parties conference on Sind at national level and not provincial level because the Sind situation was now a national issue.

Jatoi did not mention "the other matters" discussed by the COP leaders with President Ishaq hut informed sources said that the currently bot topic of fresh vote of

The Combined Opposition parties have

lately been demanding strongly that the president should use his constitutional powers and convene a session of the National Assembly on March 20 and ask Benazir to seek a fresh vote of confidence from the house.

Asked what would be the COP strategy after March 20 in case the special session was not convened, Jatoi said if the

President could not fulfil his constitutional obligation "the COP will be constrained to go to the superior courts to seek justice."

He said: "We want that the spirit of the constitution is followed in letter and

Benazir has already ruled out the pos-sibility of seeking a fresh vote of con-fidence from the lower house of the parliament, the National Assembly.

Roh sacks 15 ministers

Major reshuffle to revive economy

SEOUL, March 17, (Reuter): South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo dismissed 15 ministers in a cabinet shake-up today, provoking an immediate attack from the opposition which accused the government of betraying its commitment to democratic reform.

In the biggest reshuffle of the 26-member cabinet since he took office two years ago, Roh dismissed Deputy Prime Minister Cho Soon and

Cho, who was also economic planning minister, bad been criticised for being too slow and conservative in dealing with South Korea's

most of his economic team.

stability in all sectors of our society and breathe fresh air into state affairs following the recent political realignment," a presidential spokesman said. He was referring to last mon-

th's surprise merger between Roh's ruling party and two main opposition groups to take con-trol of parliament, previously dominated by the opposition for the first time in South Korean

The sole remaining opposition Party for Peace and Democracy led hy veteran politician Kim Dae-Jung has denounced the new ruling coalition as an "antidemocratic, anti-national and unethical political coup d'etat toward one-party dictatorship."

In a statement on the cabinet reshuffle, the party accused Roh of recruiting hardliners left over from a draconian era under nowdisgraced former president Chung Doo Hwan and his late predecessor Park Chung-Hee. In its statement the opposition

party described the new economie planners as hawks who under previous government had repressed labour rights and created a yawning gap between rich and poor "in collusion with big conglomerates bent on devouring smaller businesses."
South Korean economie

growth slowed to an estimated 6.5 per cent in 1989 from more than 12 per cent in each of the three earlier years.

The country - one of Asia's four tigers" along with Taiwan, Hong Kong and Singapore trails behind its economically dynamic rivals in virtually all or maicators occause of sag ging exports, worsening balance of payments deficit and spirall-

Newly-appointed Deputy Prime Minister Lee Seung-Yun has been in the vanguard of a drive to remove his predecessor Cho Soon, calling for aggressive expansion to bolster the economy by lowering interest rates, increasing money supply and cracking down on industrial unrest.

Lee's appointment as the nation's top economic minister is expected to bring a considerable chance in South Korea's economic policy, which has put emphasis on distribution rather than growth. Lee is known as an advocate of a growth-oriented advocate of a growth-oriented

policy.
"The problems we face now are complex and need time to be solved but I think priority must be directed at encouraging investment and stimulating exports," Lee told reporters after reshuffle.

He said he is willing to announce new measures "as soon as possible to rectify problems and adjust the course of the Korean economy."

The new economic team includes Trade Minister Park Pil-Soo, president of Hankook University of Foreign Studies and a former assistant trade min-

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Prime Minister Kang Young-Hoon, Foreign Minister Choi Ho-Joong and Defence Minister Lee Sang-Hoon were among those retained by Roh, who won the country's first free presidential vote for

16 years in December 1987 on a commitment to full democracy. Government officials said Rohwanted Choi to help continue Seoul's drive to improve ties with its communist enemy North Korea, as well as the Soviet Union and China, strong backers of Pyongyang.
"The president made the cahinet changes in order to better ensure



Singh takes oath

Atinger Pal Singh (centre) leaves Parliament House in New Dethi under police escort after taking his parliamentary oath. Singh is currently in prison convicted of terrorist bombing and won his seat while in prison. (Reuter wirephoto)

Patrol Armed police wearing helmets patrol Beijing's Tiananmen Square on March 17-the-day before the opening of the People's Consultative Congress at the Great Hall of the People.

Strike against Taiwan students set army killing in Bangladesh up 'democracy wall

DHAKA, March 17, (Reuter): Angry protesters set fire to vehi-cles and government buildings as TAIPEI, March 17, (Reuter): an indefinite general strike in protest at the killing of three people hy troops shut down a north-east Bangladesh town today. Opposition leaders who called

the strike said the stoppage in Sylhet, which brought the town to a standstill, would continue until the soldiers who shot on a crowd killing three people on Friday were punished. They were watched by about

They also demanded that the dead bodies, which they alleged the soldiers had hidden, be immediately handed over to the next of kin.

Security police guarding the town to stop further rioting watched as anti-government activists marched through the streets shouting slogans against the troops and President Hussain

Muhammad Ershad. An official said troops patrolling the town during rural elections yesterday, assaulted some bus passengers alleging one had thrown a cigarette but at them.

The troops later opend fire on a crowd protesting against the incident, he said. A witness said at least three people died instantly and the troops took away their bodies. Officials denied.

Taiwan students set up a 'democracy wall' in a Taipei park today in an unprecedented act of protest to back demands for a more democratic presidential

About 90 students, wearing yellow headbands and singing We Shall Overcome' in Chinese and English, sat outside the park, a memorial to the late military strongman Chiang Kai-Shek.

200 people, some of them supporters, some just curious that Taiwan's normally docile students were protesting.
The 'democracy wall,' a series

of bulletin boards, was covered in posters and slogans.
"We are here for freedom of politics," said Taiwan university

philosophy student Chen Sbui-Yuan. We want the election to be an open election." Taiwan's president will be elected on March 21 hy the National Assembly, an electoral college dominated hy elderly

men and women in their 80s and 90s who have been in office since the nationalist government fled communist victory in China in

The incumbent President, Lee Teng-Hui, the first man born on the island to hold the office, is

running unopposed for his first full term after fighting off an unprecedented challenge from within his ruling Nationalist Party.

The opposition Democratic Progressive Party, whieb is not fielding a candidate because it could not get the required support from a minimum of 100 assemblymen, plans a major rally at the park tomorrow.

At a news conference today, party officials said up to 10,000 people would attend.

President Lee today took the rare step of making a national address to urge the country to remain calm on the eve of a planned opposition demonstration.

"Everyone must use a more caim and reasonable attitude to face our present political development," Lee said, in a speech hroadcast on state radio

Lee said he believed the body would not go ahead with con-stitutional changes which have sparked public outcry. "I believe that all national

assemblymen in their final deliberations will certainly use a more cautious attitude, respect and reflect popular will, and reconsider to make a responsible and reasonable decision," he

death verdict for 21

BEUING, March 17, (Agencies): China has sentenced 21 men in Beijing and Shanghai to death for murder and rohbery, and some of their crimes were committed during last year's political unrest.

The Beijing daily said today that a court in the Chinese capital had sentenced Liang Jiancheng and two accomplices to death for robbery and assault committed between April and June last year.

The newspaper did not specifically link the men, whose sentences were imposed on Thur-sday, to political unrest hut China bas previously executed people it accused of taking advantage of political turmoil to commit crimes.

The Beijing court condemned four others to die because they had seriously harmed public order but the paper gave no fur-

Shanghai's Liberation daily, in an edition received in Beijing today, said that 14 men were sentenced to death this week in the east coast city for murder or multiple robbery.

Five had their sentences suspended temporarily, a common practice designed to give the accused a chance to reform.

China last year executed 31 people convicted of embezzling and bribery, a senior prosecutor

Zhang Siqing of the Supreme People's Procuratorate, or prosecutors' office, said those condemned to die were among 9,000 found guilty in embezyear, the official China Daily reported yesterday.

Zhang said prosecutors offices had handled 116,700 such cases during the year, nearly double the 1988 number, and that 20,800 people had been arrested.

The state claims to have retrieved 483 million yuan (\$103 million) in money obtained through embezzlement and bribery.

Official corruption was a major theme of the prodemocracy movement last spring, and since crushing the movement the government has sought to improve its tarnished image with a nationwide campaign against economic crimes.



Muslims restrain a fellow Muslim man as he shouts slogans at Indian police forces in south Delhi after a clash between Hindus and Muslims. Two people were killed and 20 injured when police opened fire on the rioting crowds. (Feute wirephoto)

Britain welcomes offer

US to resettle boat people

LONDON, March 17, (AP): Britain today welcomed a United States offer to resettle half of all the newly-arriving Vietnamese refugees in Hong Kong who qualify for asylum.

Ambassador Jewel Lafontant, the US State Department's coordinator for refugee affairs.

ordinator for refugee affairs, announced the US offer Friday night after a meeting with foreign

office officials.

She said the United States also will contribute \$1.1 million to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, responsible for reviewing the cases of Vietnamese seeking political asylum.

Britain bas pledged, \$13 million, she said.

"We welcome any offers to take refugees for resettlement," Britain's foreign office said

Singh may

Devi storm

(Continued from Page 1)

leaders. Devi Lal is learnt to be par-

ticularly sore about some statements made against Chautala by Industry Minister Ajit Singh after visiting the scenes of poll violence in the Meham

constituency, where the chief min

ster was contesting by elections.

Devi Lal's resignation come soon after the meeting of the Dal's

political affairs committee yesterday at the prime minister's residence, called mainly to discuss the party's prospects in the coming biannual elections to the Rajya Sabha. One version has it that he announced his

version has it that he announced his decision at the meeting itself before leaving in a huff. In any case, Devi Lal sent a letter of resignation to the prime minister through a courier.

Among other things, Devi Lal is learnt to be unhappy with the treatment meted out to him by the party leadership.

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Political parties were still assessing the impact of Devi Lal's action. A leader of the Communist Party of India (Marxist) said the decision was unfortunate. "I hope they sort it out amongst themselves."

ride out

George Foulkes of the opposi-tion Labour Party said: "This

Kong, a government official said yesterday Mike Hanson, Hong Kong's refugee co-ordinator said Britain and the Philippines agreed o the relocation under an international plan financed by Britain and other countries. Britain, Hong Kong's colonial administrator, has pledged 13 million (\$4.87 million) for the project, Hanson said: Hanson said some details have yet to be finalised on the relocation of the Vietnamese, but added. We hope the first small group can go by the end of this month.

Manila refuge for Viets

HONG KONGM, March 17, (AP): A group of Victorinese refugees awaiting resettlement will be sent to a holding centre in the Philippines soon to help ease congestion at camps in Hong.

means the problem will become more manageable. It will give Britain time to adopt a more thoughtful approach.

But government sources said on condition of not being identified the main problem is that more than 90 per cent of Vietnamese boat people in Hong Kong do not quality as political Britain favours mandatory

return of Vietnamese boat peo new influx of refugees to Heng

Saarc to hold 2 summits. For the first time since the formation of the Salart. 10 1000 2 Stammars. For the just time since the formation of the South Asia Association for Regional Co-operation (Saarc) two suimmars held this year, a Saarc source based in Colombo said Saturday.

A final decision on holding the fifth summit will be taken after the arrival of Pakistan's Foreign Minister, Yakuh Khan, in Su Lauka on Monday March 18 Khan arrives in the island 38 1 special effort, of the threent Saarc charperso of Pakistan Prime Minister, Benazar Bhulto.

Khan, according to Saarc sources, is expected to hold discussions with Stantage and the procedure of Saarc Sources, is expected to hold discussions with Stantage and the constitutions.

Lankan President, Ranagasinghe Premadasa, and the country's Foreign Minister, Ranjan Wijeratne. (Kuna)

Thai workers, dying in their sleep: The Singapore Health Ministr said Saturday it has sought the help of US health officials in the cases of months 20 That construction workers dying in their sleep from miknown teations. The latest such death occurred Friday, and the That embassy said there was common element among most of the deaths. The men had all eaten glutmon

nice cooked in polyvynal chloride, or PVC, pipes found at construction sites.

The US Centres for Disease Control, in Atlanta, Georgia, informed Sin gapore that similar cases of sudden death among Southeast Asian refugees have been reported to the centre since February 1981. Similar cases bave also been reported in Japan, the Philippines and Thailand.

Malaysia to probe poll funds: Prime Minister Mahathir Medamas and Saturday his government will probe opposition parties, recent spending or their election campaigns.

The probe will begin after a complaint is lodged on the matter, he told reporters after addressing youth members of his United Malays National Organisation (United political party here. (AP)

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Burma warns US against grabbing heroin kingpin

RANGOON, March 17, (Agencies): A US invasion of Burma to capture opium-king Khun Sa would violate Burma's sovereignty and would not be tolerated, a Burmese government spokesman warned yesterday.

The caution was voiced by Burmese

Colonel Aung Thein following a recent Voice of America broadcast that reported the US government has indicted Chang Chi-Fu, also known as Khun Sa, on 10 drug trafficking counts involving the largest seazure of heroin The VOA hroadcast also said the United

States seeks Burma's help in apprehending Khun Sa, a Southeast Asia drug lord who

calls himself "Prince Prosperous," and who is accused by the United States of being the "largest dop pusher" in Southeast Asia. In Washington, Attorney-General Richard Thornburgh announced the indictment of

Khun Sa on Thursday on charges of attempting to smuggle 2,389 pounds (1,083 kg) of heroin from Bangkok to New York in 1988, the largest herom seizure ever made.

He is also accused of smuggling or attempting to smuggle more than 3,500 pounds (1,580 kg) of heroin into New York beween 1986 and 1988 in various shipments that ultimately were sold for an estimated \$350 million:

Burma has no extradition treaty with the

not in a position to bein bring Khun Sa to American justice, said Colonel Anng Them. And he cautioned against any US raid to try to capture Khun Sa, declaring Burma would not tolerate such a violation of its initional But Aung Thein added Burma's stand is

United States, so the Burmese government is

not to be interpreted as affording projection to Khun Sa.

In Manila, police today killed a suspecter drug lord as the man allegedly attempted to grab a gun from his captors while being brought to the National Bureau of Investiga-

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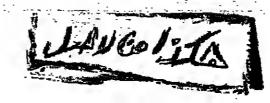
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.UFOs invade Russia again

MOSCOW, March 17, (Reuter): Those creatures from outer space, regularly reported to invade Russia, are back — this time in Lenin's home town.

And some experts are starting to blame Kremin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's reform campaign.
People, these authorities say, ng receptive to strange

dena m an uncertain new era of glasnost (openness) and ic turmoil. Nationally fascinated by obs-cure events, the Soviet Union

frequently reports sighting of unidentified flying objects (UFOs) but Tass news agency broke fresh ground yesterday by reporting the arrival of a 'river-Flashing red and yellow beams, nding a ray of fire and coded gnals, it appeared over the Volga

River town of Ulyanovsk where state founder Vladimir Lenin was Correspondent Nikolai Milov

reported from Ulyanovsk that there had been few UFO buffs in the city until last Tuesday night. Strange

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. That was when Tatyana Bednvakova "looked out of her window at the night sky and could hardly believe her eyes," the reporters for the official state

news agency related. He added there was "hardly any reason" to doubt her story. Bednyakova called two neighbours and "they all saw what they described as 'something strange. Their attention was drawn to three odd points of light in the sky, two, situated on one level, radiated yellow light; the third point, above the first two, radiated red light.

"This 'something' then sent a fiery ray, which moved up and down, seemingly sending underci-

"After that the object illuminated from the inside, turning into something like a river vessel with

"After making a sweeping ellip-tional numberous, the 'ship' disap-peared, léaving a bright glowing spot. The spot glowed brightly for some time, and then began to fade

The Tass correspondent said weeks earlier a group of local "saw something very

Robots

That was less startling than the accounts given by residents of the central Russian city Voronezh and correspondents from the official media — last September. They all reported seeing buge, three-eyed, gun-toting terres-trials, robots and spaceships.

Explaining that phenomenou, one Western diplomat said: "Much of it has to do with the tremendous upsurge in religion over the past few years. Russians are by nature decaly religious peo-pic and are now desperately look-

ing for something to believe in."
Religious belief was heavily discouraged during the rale of Soviet dictator Josef Stalin and only really started to recover after Gorbachev came to power five years ago and encouraged more freedom of thought.

Amid the space-fever excitement of Ulyanovsk, there was no indication what Lenin, one of history's most disciplined revolutionaries, would have made

But last November, referring to the previous wave of UFO sight-ings; Gorbachev's economic adviser Leonid Abalkin told a news

"Flying saucers have become the main topic of the day.

"People think that some guy is going to climb out of a UFO and explain the best way to develop socialism. Sometimes we just do not believe in our own ability."

Two witches burnt to death

JOHANNESBURG, March 17, (AP): Two elderly women were dragged from their houses and burned to death by a mob that thought they were witches, police said yes-

Police in the nominally independent Transkei homeland on the south-east coast said the women, aged 60 and 67, were doused with gasoline and tossed onto burning car tyres sometime

carlier this week. People thought to be witches are attacked and killed from time to time in remote rural areas where witchcraft is

practiced. Police said no arrests had been made in the case.

PEOPLE AND PLACES

and the British group Soul D Soul each won three awards, and veteran producer Quincy Jones was honoured for his long career at the fourth annual Soul Train Music Awards Wednesday night. Jackson, currently oo tour, took top honours for her album, Rhythm Nation 1814," which was named best rhythm and blues album and whose hit single, "Miss You Mach," was named best R and B Female

LOS ANGELES: Janet Jackson

Single. Her music video for the title song from her "Rhythm Nation 1814," took bes: R and B Video at the awards, which showcase and honour black musical talent. Soul II Soul, shut out in last month's American music awards, was named best R and B Group, won for best R and B Albem by a group for "Keep On Movin," and the aibum's title cut was named R and B Song of the Year. (UPI)

LAGOS, Nigeria: Thousands of Nigerians cheered Britain's Prince Charles and his wife, Diana, lining their route Friday to Lagos' main teaching hospital, where the couple

presented an incubator. Health Minister Professor Olikoye Ransome-Kuti showed the royal conple through a children's ward of Lagos University teaching hospital and discussed the many medical problems facing Africa's most populous nation. (AP)

AMSTERDAM: Dutch police are using a surveillance helicopter to track down two kangaroos on the run for almost a week in heathland in the southern province of

Brabant. A police spokesman warned curious members of the public not to get too close if they saw the Australian high-jumpers, which escaped from a private zoo.

"Kangaroos are really rather shy

creatures and get a bit tetchy if cornered. Although they're not violent they pack quite a powerful kick in their hind legs," he said.

NEW YORK: Rising social and political unrest contributed to the killings of at least 53 journalists in 1989, more than dooble the number slain because of their work in the

previous year, a study says.
Two-thirds of the killings occurred in Latin America, including 14 in El Salvador alone, said the committee to protect journalists. It labeled the slayings "censorship by death." (AP)

Drinking

US airline fires crew

MINNEAPOLIS, March 17. (Reuter): A US airline yesterday fired a three-man flight crew for drinking a few bours before they flewa plane with 9t passengers on board from north Dakota to

"We apologise to our passengers and to our employees for this serious incident involving federal air rules, company policy and judgment," NorthWest Airlines said.

It called the incident "an aberration, a uniquely unfortunate occurrence.

The airline said it received an anonymous telephone call on March 7 which said the crew had been drinking in a bar about six hours before the 200-mile (320



Maryam Babangida, wife of Nigeria President Ibrahim Babangida shows the Princess of Wales some crafts made by rural Nigarian woman in Lagos yestarday. (Reuter wirephoto)

BUCHAREST, Romania: Hundreds of hlind people demonstrated outside provisional government headquarters Friday. waving their white canes and demanding a monopoly over their

occupations and priority housing.
The blind demonstrators came
from around the country to Victory Square, the site of major political demonstrations since the

revolution.

Ion Manca, of the Enterprise for the Himl Organisation, said "we demand from the government the right to work. Up to now we've only made brushes and boxes and done massage and worked on the switchboard." (AP)

LOS ANGELES: J. Paul Getty Museum is considering buying Vincent Van Gogh's painting "Irises," which was sold less than three years ago for a record \$53.9 million, museum sources said on Thursday.

Australian businessman Alan

Bood set an art auction record when he bound the july ting at Salle by's in New York in 1987. Since then, Rond's fortunes have slid and his brewing, media and property empire face a burrage of lawsuits by creditors. (Reuter)

WASHINGTON: Yellowed drawings from Henri Matisse's sketchbook in Morocco, many of them unknown to art scholars for nearly 80 years, will be displayed publicly for the first time Sunday at

the National Gallery of Art. The exhibition of paintings and drawings by the French postnist during two visits to Morocco also represents a breakthrough in US-Soviet cultural collaboration, says gallery director J. Carter Brown. (AP)

Stockholm at war with rats

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, March 17, (APt: Authorities have declared war on vermin after two successive mild winters encouraged an exploding rodent population in Stockholm's inner city, where experts now count two rats per human.

The Svenska Dagbladet daily quoted officials yesterday saying they expect it to take three years to bring the rats under control. Next week, four "commando groups" will begin stalking the sewage system armed with rat

"We will open up 8,000 sewage outlets a year and put out rat poison," said exterminator

Gyorgy Bellaugh.

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prowl Stockholm's cellars, sewage pipes and subway tunnels, and some appear to be abandon-ing their overcrowded subtetran-

TOKYO: Tokyo Gas Co.. Japan's largest city gas supplier, will construct an apartment exclusively for foreign envoys strapped to pay Tokyo's high rents, a company official said Saturday. Under the plans, the building to be used as a residence for 30

ambassadors will be constructed on company land in central Tokyo, said the official, who requested anonymity. He said the company has yet to docide when to start construction.

Plans to build an apartment for foreign envoys followed a request from Japan's Foreign Ministry a few years ago, he added. (AP)

Couple faces neglect trial in case of doglike boy

March 17, (AP): A young boy panted and pawed for attention after he was rescued from a dirtfloored pen at his grandparents' home, where he was kept along with 60 dogs, witnesses testified

in a child neglect trial.
"He howled. He reared back on his haunches, tilted his head and looked up." said Cheryl Shropshire, the boy's department of human services foster parent. "He acted like a little

Gene and Joyce White are charged with failing to care for a minor, a misdemeanour. Their jury-trial started Thursday in

Muskogee county district court. The Whites, who are representing themselves, said the boy's behaviour was natural for a 4year-old, and that he was imitating cartoon characters he saw on

'Our prime concern is for the child, and it has been from the very beginning," said White, 54. Vicki Cowan, the Whites' daughter and the boy's aunt, testified her parents kept the boy in the pen because they worried he would run onto US Highway 69. which runs in front of the Whites'

District attorney Drew Edmondson told jurors the boy learned his bizarre behaviour hy being left in the uncovered, dirtfloored dog pen.

"The child's behaviour ... of acting like a dog is imitating the environment he was exposed to at home," Edmondson said. "His time in that dog pen was not an isolated occurrence

Ms Shropshire said the boy continued to behave strangely after he was brought to her home Aug 30, including fetching toys with his mouth.

"He ran wildly through the house, crashing into walls, and most of the time he ran on all fours. If he wanted attention, he would run up to us and paw at our bodies, rub his head on us. and whimper," Ms Shropshire

Edmondson showed jurors a videotape made by a social worker in the Shropshires' living room that showed the boy panting, grabbing a balloon in his mouth and barking.

Man dies of ultraviolet overdose

MIAMI BEACH, Florida, March 17, (AP): A 90year-old man who stayed in a doctor's ultraviolet light booth for 20 minutes instead of 20 seconds died of complications from severe burns.

Henry Homer, a retired furniture dealer from Chicago, died of an infection brought on by the burns, according to an autopsy report, said Dr Bruce Hyma of the Dade County medical examin-

Prostate cancer and the skin condition contributed to the death, Hyma said yesterday.

"I can't comprehend something like this happening," said one of Homer's sons, Don, 58. "All they have to do is set a simple timer and watch the An attorney for the doctor said yesterday that

Homer, having had previous treatments, should have known to leave the booth sooner.

"The patient knew he was undergoing treatment

for only 20 seconds and he was free to walk out of the box at any moment," said Stuart Grossman, attorney for Dr Philipp Frost.

Frost didn't respond to a telephone request for comment.

Homer got the ultraviolet light treatment for psoriasis, a skin condition, at Frost's office at Mount Sinai Medical Centre on Feb 16, said

another son, Mel Homer. Frost's staff had Homer take off his clothes and get into the telephone booth-sized enclosure, but didn't return to get him out, and Homer finally left.

on his own, the son said. Homer, who suffered first — and second-degree hurns everywhere callept the soles of his feet, was

immediately admitted to the hospital, relatives said. Miami Beach police detective Paul Scrimshaw is conducting what he called "an open death investiga-

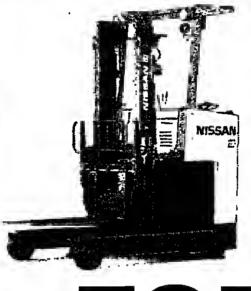
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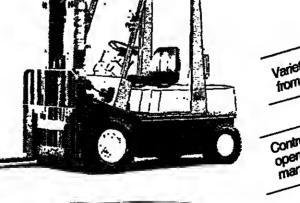
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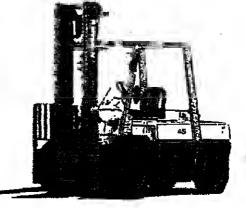
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'I'm in charge': Gorby tells scribes

MOSCOW, March 17, (Reuter): Mikhail Gorbachev, elected to the new powerful post of Soviet president, said he would make all the important decisions - even when he was on vacation.

"I think the presidency will continue to implement its leadership all the time, even during the vacation period," the Krembin chief told reporters Thursday.

"Of course, some of the current husiness will be relegated to members of the presidencial council, hut not a single car-dinal question will be decided without con-

sulting the president." Gorbachev, who takes at least one mon-

th's vacation a year, was speaking to Soviet and foreign reporters at a late-night Kremlin news conference after the Congress of People's Deputies, the expanded parliament, ended its session.

The remark suggested that Gorbachev would take responsibility for all top decisions so that there would not be confusion over who had given an order—such as in the April 1989 despatch of troops to break up a peaceful demonstration in Tbil-

Twenty people were killed. Afterwards, Polithuro members did not agree who took the decision to send the troops.

entire Polithuro was in on the decision; Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said neither he nor Gorbachev were involved.

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Ligachev has been urged to resign from the Soviet Communist Party's ruling Polithuro during this week's plenum of the policy making Central Committee, Pravda revealed today.

The presidential council to which Gorbachev referred is a new advisory body created by presidential law approved on

Its powers are broad but vague. The

other members are to be chosen by the president and Gorbachev has not yet named them.

Gorbachev was giving his first news conference since being elected to the presidential post, which has unprecedented powers, including the right to rule by decree. It was only his second in Moscow since he became Communist Party leader

The first was after the May 1988 summit with former US president Ronald Reagan. Gorbachev said he planned to hold regular news conferences as president.

Watchdog assures fraud-proof election

East Germans go to first free polls today

EAST BERLIN, March 17, (AP): The chief of an all-party watchdog commission has assured voters that East Germany's first free elections are fraud-proof, trying to allay distrust in a country used to communist

Most campaigning ended yesterday, hut a few political parties planned final pitches today, the eve of balloting that will give East Germany its first freely elected Pa liament since its founding in 1949

An estimated 12.3 million subject in East Germany. Rigvoters are eligible to choose from among 24 parties and groupings. Election helpers completed work on the 22,000 polling stations nation-wide.

The communists are expected by most observers to end up in an

opposition role.
Party chief Gregor Gysi
wound up their campaign with a
rally before thousands of people in East Berlin. He called for a united Germany to remain outside the Western military alliance, echoing Moscow's stand, and recalled the social safety net set up under communist rule.

Petra Blaess, head of an allparty election oversight commission, told a news conference all measures have been taken to ensure against vote fraud.

"In the Berlin computer centre, there are no possibilities for manipulation in the transmitting and compiling of the results from the voting districts," said Blaess, a 25-year-old student.

Three members of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, France, also will act as election observers.

The delegation's leader, Danish parliamentarian Kirsten Jensen, told the East German news agency ADN she did not fear "anything undemocratic" could happen in the balloting.
Vote fraud remains a touchy

Modrow, Kohl want German unity

EAST BERLIN, March 17, (UPI): East German Prime Minister Hans Modrow and West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl agreed yesterday the divided country should be unified, but disagreed on how fast to do it after tomorrow's East German election.

in separate statements they both accepted the slogan shouted by hundreds of thousands in election rallies - "Germany, our united fatherland."

Modrow, who has conceded his Communist Party has no chance of winning East Germany's first free election, told the Berliner Zeitung, an East Berlin communist-leaning newspaper, that although he now has dropped his opposition to unification, he does not want a "speedy

unity."
Modrow, a follower of Soviet
President Mikhail Gorbachev who is much more popular than the Communist Party of which he is the standard bearer, said that in Moscow, Warsaw, Sofia, and other places there is understanding that Germany must be

He added, however, "at the same time it is stressed again and again the action must be carried out step hy step, by stages" to avoid the creation of a super Ger-

Kohl in a statement issued in

Bonn said the majority of Ger-mans in both East and West want unity "as soon as possible."

"The election for the Volkskammer (people's chamber) of the German Democratic Republic is a fateful election for all Ger-many," Kohl said. "Every eligihle voter is called on to vote to help huild a better future in his homeland and a free and unified Germany in a free, unified

He said after tomorrow's election the West German govern-

ging in local elections in May is considered a main factor in the

A nation-wide survey published yesterday suggested nearly half of all East Germans favour immediate unification, although a third of the electorate would prefer a slower joining of the two states. Germany was split into communist East and capitalist West Germany after the World War II defeat of Nazi Germany.

aut on uprising that toppled Lardline communist leader Erich

Honecker, opened the Berlin Wall and launched the reform

The poll found that 84 per cent favoured unification in general, according to a survey conducted jointly by the Central Institute for Youth Research and the Ins-titute for Market Research, both from Leipzig.

According to recent polls, front-runners are the leftist Social Democrats and the Alliance for Germany, a coalition of three conservative par-

Those two forces mirror the mainstream parties in West Ger-many, the Christian Democrats of Chancellor Helmut Kohl and the Social Democrats, who include the hugely popular former chancellor Willy Brandt.

The West German parties poured heavy campaign support into East Germany.

· Sunday's vote is for a new 400-seat Parliament, which could decide the pace of unification with West Germany.

Some conservative parties urge quick unification. Some leftist groups are for a more cautious and slower approach. All major parties support unification.



The Berlin Wall continues to be tourist attraction in front of the Brandanburg Gate as peopla continue to climb on top. (Reuter wiraphoto)



Party for Democratic Socialism (PDS) chairman Gregor Gysi addresses a mass rally in Alexander Platz. It was the last rally for PDS before the March 18 elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

Stars predict good news for Kohl

EAST BERLIN, March 17, (Reuter): Few pollsters have been rash enough to predict whether West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl will be happy with the East German election result

But the stars and the Chinese calendar say he

Kohl, pushing for German unification and showing all the signs of running for election himself in the former Stalinist state, campaigned lustily to ensure his political proteges — the Conservative Alliance for Germany — defeat the left wing.

"A change will in general be welcome," Kohl's horoscope for March 18 begins enigmatically. Then it gets promising.
"You had, in fact, reckoned on resistance, so

all the more pleasant is the surprise," said the forecast in West Germany's Stern magazine.

The chancellor, born under the sign Aries on

April 3, 1930, is not known to consult the zodiac - be often ducks probing questions with the quip that he is "no Kremlin astrologists." Opinion polls cannot be relied upon to winkle

out voter intentions ahead of the East German polls, the first completely free elections in Easern Europe in half a century. A month ago the polls gave the left-wing Social Democrats an unassailable lead of 53 per

cent. Now they show them running neck-andneck with the three-party Conservative Alliance. The pollsters admit they are on uncharted ground, so the stars may be as accurate as any

educated guess. According to the Chinese calendar, 1990 is the Year of the Horse — as it was in 1930 when Kohl was born. Other famous German "horses" are car and engine inventors Gottlieh Daimler, Rudolf Diesel and Kohl's predecessor Helmut

Thatcher could lose her seat, poll says

LONDON, March 17, (Renter): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, increasingly unpopular for her economic policies, could lose her north London parliamentary seat in the next election, an

opinion poll showed yesterday.

The Harris poll for London weekend television's Eyewitness programme, said that if there were an election now, Thatcher would lose her Finchley constituency by a handful of votes.

Her majority in the last election, when she led by 22 per cent over the opposition Labour Party, has been eroded to the point where both parties enjoyed 43 per cent of

A separate poll also showed Labour well ahead nationally. Labour was 18 points ahead of the Conservatives, according to an Nop poll for the British Broadcasting Corporation's newsnight programme and the Independent

ewspaper. The Conservatives have fallen back three points over the past

Labour took 51 per cent of support in the poll compared to 48 per cent last month, while the Con-servatives took 33 per cent compared with 36 per cent in the previous mouth.

Thatcher's government has

been losing support because of high interest rates which are hurting people repaying home loans, a rising inflation rate, and an unpopular new "poli tax" introduced to replace property

taxes.

The "poll tax," imposed on adults of voting age, has sparked a series of demonstrations, which have often turned violent.

Results of another poll publi-Conservatives were heading for a sensational defeat at the hands of Labour in crucial by-election this

The poll showed that 54.5 per cent of voters in the Conservative stronghold of mid-Staffordshire. where a by-election is due on March 22, now supported Labour.

Iraqis protest

(Continued from Page 1) British action interference in Iraq's

internal affairs. mternal affairs.
The state-run television reported that similar demonstrations, called yesterday by the ruling Arab Baath Socialist Party amid an international outery against execution, were held

in other crues.

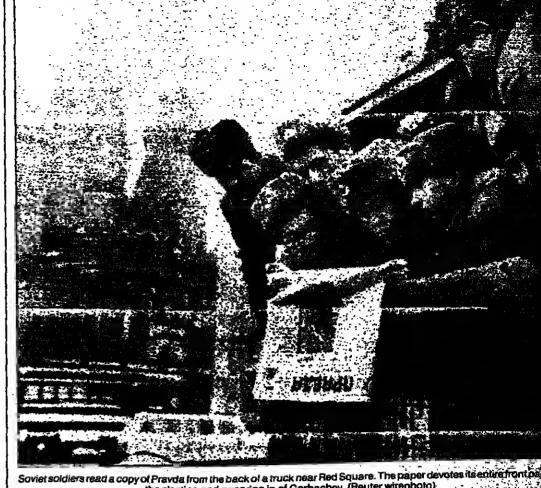
Residents in Basra, in the south, and Mosul, in the north, contacted by telephone by the Associated Press reported that thousands of demonstrators were in the streets chanting anti-British slogans.

Like the thousands who paraded through central Baghdad, jamming the city's main thoroughfares, they chanted slogans hailing President Saddam Hussein.

Senior Baath members led the demonstrators and gathered outside the embassy's main gate to salute them as they marched past.

Sadi Mehdi Saleh, speaker of Iraq's Parliament and the senior party official who heads the Baath's Baghdad chapter, told the Associated Press that the demonstration was designed to show Britain that Iraqis were united behind Saddam and his design to enforce the court verdict and execute Bazoft. British nurses launched a petition

appeal to Iraq today to reduce the 15-year jail sentence imposed on one of their colleagues for helping executed



tha election and swearing in of Gorbachev. (Reuter wirephoto)

Rift over unified German alignment

Warsaw Pact divided

PRAGUE, March 17, (Renter): Warsaw Pact foreign ministers were divided today over whether a future unified Germany could be a member of Nato, a Cze-

choslovak spokesman said. Ministers from the seven pact countries met in Prague on the eve of elections in East Germany, where all major contestants favour rapid unification with West Germany, to discuss the implications of unity for Europe's rival military blocs.

They agreed that both the Warsaw Pact and Nato, the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, would remain in being for some time and that Germany had a right to unification, Foreign Ministry spokesman Lubos Dobrovsky told reporters. But they were split over Ger-

said. The Soviet Union has repeatedly said a unified Germany must be neutral. "There was the view that a

case be a member of Nato." Dohrovsky said. But there was also the view that the future German state's

membership of Nato could be positive." He gave no details. The talks ended after about

four hours. No final document

was issued and Dobrovsky stressed that the meeting was a consultative one separate from regular pact sessions.
Other officials said the talks

had been open, frank and con-Czechoslovak Foreign Minithe meeting at short notice, said unification of Germany could be a means towards uniting Europe

He called on a new Germany to give up all "weapons of anni-hilation" and to state firmly once and for all that it recognised the future German state should in no. permanence of its eastern borde

with Poland.
The border question cannot be put off any longer if we want European security." Diensthier said in an opening statement. "All participants agreed that

both alliances, the Warsaw treaty and Nato, would remain for some time to come, but we should all endeavour to transfer the emphasis from military to political issues," Dobrovsky

Ceausescu brother to be tried for murder

Secret police monitored mail

BUCHAREST, March 17, (Reuter): General Nicolae Ceausescu, the brother and namesake of Romania's late dictator, is to be tried for murder next month, Romanian Radio said today.

It quoted High Court President Teodor Vasiliu as saying that the general - known as Nicolae Andruta Ceausescu to distinguish him from his brother
— would be tried for "extremely
serious murder" and a number of

lesser crimes.
The trial, beginning on April 2, will be the first against any member of the Ceausescu family since the dictator and his wife Elena were tried and executed on Dec 25 last year. General Ceausescu was the

head of the Securitate secret police officer school at Baneasa near Bucharest.

No official confirmation of the



Queue for visas: Romentans brandlehing passports queue for visas at Austrian embassy, Bucharest. Police say up to 2,000 people a day have besieged

trial, announced by Vasiliu in a statement to Bucharest radio, was immediately available.

General Ceausescu was not well known during his elder hrother's 24-year rule.
Romanian sources said he

shared the same name as his brother because his father, a hard-drinking peasant, forgot he had already christened one of his sons Nicolae. Ceausescu's three children,

Valentin, Zoe and Nicu, are being held in secret locations in Romania awaiting trial. The radio also announced that an appeal against the life senten-

ces imposed on four top Ceausescu aides last month would begin on Monday. The death penalty was aboli-shed after the executions of

Ceausescu and his wife. Dingy offices where secret police steamed open the mail of Ceausescu's suspected oppon-ents before the December revolution were displayed by the

defence ministry. General Nicolae Cerhn said 120 staff who occupied a high security wing of Bucharest's main sorting office read up to 6,000 private letters a week. The letters were rescaled and delivered after their contents had

been noted by experts of the Securitate police who terrorised Romanian society while Ceausescu was in power. Cerbu said interference with the mail as well as the hugging of hotels, offices, homes and telephones was stopped after

Ceausescu was overthrown and executed. "We cut the evil at the roots," Cerbu told journalists who were shown the dim and gruhhy Securitate rooms in an anonymous, modern block beside the

capital's main railway station.



Uchirbai fired hundreds of party workers to build a leaner, fitter force to fight the nation's first contested elections. (Reuter wirephoto)

Political outcry over indictment

ROME, March 17, (UPI): The indictment of Domenico Sita, Italy's high commissioner in the struggle against organised crime. raised cries of protest today from politicians on all sides. "This is a war between magis-

trate malias rather than against the malias rather than Democrat Labour Minister Carlo Donat Cattin told reporters. We shall have to see who it is that is respectively. ting the regulations." "We are faced with a very

serious case," said Giorgie la Malfa, leader of the Republican Party. "It attacks the nature and image of the high commissioner, who was appointed by the government under a specific law."

The political furor stemmen from the action of Rome prosecutor Rosario di Mano. revealed late yesterday, in start ing legal action against Sica, 57, accusing him of usurping judiciary powers and revealing official secrets.

Drivers strike: Italians quaue in front of a Rome petrol station as the trick drivers strike enters its fifth day. (Neuter wirepholo)

East Germans rush to buy nation's best-selling book on 'Stasi' secrets

EAST BERLIN, March 17, (Reuter): Thousands of East Germans scramhled to buy a real-life cold war thriller yesterday as the newly-published secrets of the disban-ded state security police became the

nation's best-selling book. Citizens queued for hours to huy the little yellow volume, anxious to know how they had been spied on and lied to in decades of hardline communist rule.

The decision to publish was made hy an

all-party round table that has steered East

Germany through the four months since

Orders and reports of the Ministry of State Security" is not light reading or par-

ticularly engaging prose. The book is an edited selection, in the original police hureaucratic jargon, of the workings, targets and findings of the many-tentacled but now disbanded secret

Known by the nickname of "Stasi" the detested, 85,000-strong force imposed Stalinist order for 40 years. The 56 reports in the paperback, price German marks (\$2), are all

ng Geheim" — top secret.

But the main "secret" they contain is the force's paranoia and alarm at every suspicion of change in a monolithic state, now in transition to becoming a multi-party

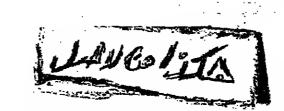
Every dissident worth his salt can find his name in the book, Western correspondents duly get a mention, too. One report on Leipzig's Nikolai church, cradie of East Germany's peaceful revolu-tion, said: "These Monday prayer session

reveal an aggressive mood and a heated On October 10, 1989 -- a month before the old Stalinist regime gave in and opened

the Berlin Wall - State Security Minister Erich Mielke wrote to senior Stasi officers:
"There are as yet unconfirmed reports
of plans hy hostile negative forces to initiate and carry out provocations in the form of violent breaches of the border, especially in the Berlin area."

A photograph of Mielke, who ran the Stasi for 32 years and now faces trial for treason, adorns the cover of the book. It's complete with his now-famous plea, "hut I love you all," to which he was jeered.

In East Berlin hundreds queued to buy up handfuls of the book from street book-



·Reds lose 8 million members

PALO ALTO, Calif., March 17, (Reuter): Communist parties around the world lost some eight million members last year, according to figures released yesterday by a politically conservative US research group.

The 24th edition of the Hoover Institution's "Yearbook on International Communist Affairs," which is produced annually from the work of some 85 scholars, said total Communist Party membership declined in Eastern Europe last year by 25 per cent.

NEWS IN

Reconciliation talks

WARSAW, March 17. (Reuter): Czechoslovak President Vaciav

Havel and Solidarity leader Lech Walesa hold a reconciliation meeting loday at a mountain hideaway where

Polish and Czechoslovak dissidents once plotted against communism. Havel, Walesa and up to 40 former

dissidents, many now lop officials in

the two countries, will meet alternately in chalets on both sides of the Polish-Czechoslovak frontier in the wooded Krkonose mountain range.

Walesa, who snubbed the Czechoslovak remains a meeting the countries of the countries

choslovak president in January by

staying away from a lunch in his honour, says he and Havel will seek

ways in which their I wo countries co-

perate in the post-communist era.

MADRID, March 17, (Reuler):

Spain's top court ruled in a paternity

suit yesterday that millionaire bull-fighter Mannel Benitez "El Cor-dobes" fathered a US-born boy. The constitutional court, ending

years of legal battle, said a paternity claim filed by Spanish-born actress Elizabeth Velasco for her son Man-

uel Benitez Velasco, now aged 20,

dobes, then one of the world's best-

paid entertainers, in 1968 and gave

birth to his son in the following year after returning bome 10 the United

BALLAS, March 17, (Reuter): An

investigating jury was asked yester-day to bring formal charges against a

repairman who witnessed a murder

and then shot the killer to death with

Police did not charge Todd Alan Broom, 25, who admitted firing at a car racing away from the Dallas sbopping mall where he had witnessed the murder on Monday.

Broom told reporters he considers

himself neither a bero nor a vigilante.

"Those are words used hy other peo-ple. At this point ... I regret that I went to the mall that day." Broom

BELFAST, March 17, (AP): Police; said they foiled a St. Patrick's Day bombing in Northern Ireland.

said a patrol arrested a man acting

suspiciously in Coalisland, County

Tyrone, in the early hours today and discovered a barrel bomb containing 29 pounds (91 kgs) of bomemade explosives.

While the device was being made safe, police said people from a nearby boxing club threw bottles and stones at officers who responded by firing

MADRID, March 17, (Reuter): Prisoners rioted at two jails yesterday

as warders in several Spanish prisons

continued a strike to demand protection against Basque guerrillas, unions said.

Inmates at Alicante captured a para-military civil guard, injured another with a brick and werecked

In Cordoba, prisoners raided the prison infirmary, seized equipment

extension of Thursday's 24-hour rike, which coincided with the fun-

eral of a prison paymaster shot dead

ROME, March 17. (Renter): A ROME, March 1. (Reday).

Rome prosecutor warned traily s top anti-mafia official yesterday he was under investigation on suspicion of ahusing his power and violating the

Judicial sources said the warnings, issued to High Commissioner Domenico Sica, was in connection with a scandal over anonymous let-

ters which accused Palermo Magistrale Giovanni Falcone of negligence

and illicit methods in handling mafia

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP): Secretary of State James A. Baker, venturing in to his first round of on-

site African diplomacy, will urge South African President FW de

Lerk next week to end a 3-1/2-year

state of emergency and to release all remaining political prisoners.

As Baker's trip was announced yesterday by the State Department.

the De Klerk government said it

would begin negotiations with Nel-son Mandela and exiled leaders of the

Aftrican National Congress on April

hopes to accelerate the negotiations,

hut ruled out demands by Mandela

for stiffer US sanctions against South

LISBON, March 17, (AP); A bomb

exploded in the office of a govern-

ment-run union office in the Angolan

There were no immediate claims of

Africa as a pressure tactic.

Blast kills child

A senior US official said Baker

African diplomacy

by suspected Basque separatists.

Prosecutor warns

and threatened to wreck the jail. Different unions gave figures ranging from 15 to more than 30 of Spain's 83 prisons affected by an

lastic bullets.

Prisoners riot

the roof of their prison.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary.

Bombing foiled

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lt said total membership in the world drop-ped from an estimated 90.5 million people in 1988 to 82.6 million in 1989.

The overnight dissolution of the Romanian Communist Party - with a total disappearance from 3.8 million members down to zero members after the execution of party leader Nicolae Ceausescu - represented one of the most dramatic events of the year," said yearbook editor Richard Staar. Other losses in Eastern Europe included:

Czechoslovakia, 1.3 million; East Germany, 1.3 million; Poland, one million; Hungary, 735,000, and Yugoslavia, 212,000, the group

According to the scholars, party memberships in Western Europe dropped nearly 41 per cent, down from 2.6 million a year ago to 1.5 million in early 1990.

The yearbook reported that the Chinese party claimed its membership increased hy one million.



JOHANNESBURG, March 17, (Agencies): Nelson Mandela returned bome from a foreign tour today to face a nation wracked by bloody fighting between black factions and township

riots against police.

Against the hackground of the fighting, Mandela and other African National Congress leaders must prepare for their first formal talks

with the white government.

Mandela, his wife Winnie, and small entourage, were embraced by waiting black officials, and greeted with raised fists by a dozen airport workers at the stairs of the Swissair jet

workers at the stairs of the Swissar Jet that brought them from Sweden.

Mandela had attended a rally and concert in his bonour last night in Stockholm, where he had spent five days consulting with ANC President Oliver Tambo, who is recovering from a stroke.

Mandela ended his visit 10 Sweden with a plea to his supporters to main-tain pressure against South Africa and so bring about the collapse of aparth-

eid.
"When the water is about to boil, it would be foolish to turn the heat off," Mandela told an indoor rally in Stock-

holm last night.

Mandela, 7t, received superstar treatment from the 12,000 capacity andience, some of whom had travelled from Iceland, Finland, Norway and Denmark to glimpse the African National Congress. (ANC) figure-

"There are signs the apartheid sys-tem is about to crumble and to ensure that it crumbles we need to increase all forms of pressure," Mandela said in a ninute speech repeatedly interrup-

During his visit Mandela has can-vassed support for tougher economic sanctions against South Africa, and has also called for ANC sympathisers to break off diplomatic relations with

Earlier, Mandela expressed surprise at the depth of feeling in Nordic countries for the African National

Congress.
"I knew we enjoyed support, but I had not the slightest idea how deep was the feeling for our struggle, thousands of miles from us. I did not expect the support to be so well based," he said on Swedish radio. South African President F.W. de

Klerk announced yesterday an ANC delegation including Mandela would meet him in Cape Town on April 11 to begin talks about formal negotiations over reforms.

Mandela expressed confidence over De Klerk's commitment to political change, but made cleaner the ANC would be looking for immediate results from the talks.

"We are certainly not going to allow any delays, but we will not be unreasonable," Mandela told the

US Secretary of State James Baker will meet De Klerk in Cape Town pext week and Mandela in Namibia, the State Department said.

Warders strike

JOHANNESBURG, March 17, (Reuler): South African police fired teargas at striking black warders yesterday after anti-apartheid demon-strations spilled to prisons for the first time in the history of white min-

At least 262 striking warders at the Johannesburg prison outside the huge township of Soweto were suspended following a protest against working conditions at the jail.

He added: "But there also has to be respect for those countries which want to huild socialism."

Castro warns US

Cuban leader Fidel Castro gestures while answering a question during a press conference in the legislative

palace in Brasilia. (Reuler wirephoto)

Attack would mean many corpses

The collapse of communism in Eastern Europe and the defeat of the leftist Sandinistas in Nicaragua's elections have left Cuha looking more isolated politically,

But Castro, revelling in the role of international political showman, rehutted suggestions hy critics that Cuha is not democratic.

Castro said Cuba's elections were "more democratic than those of other countries." "No one elected the Queen of

England. She inherited her position," he said. Castro defended the right of

his government to han publications which the Cuban authorities considered "counterrevolutionary."
After Brasilia, Castro is due to

visit Brazil's two higgest ciúes, Sao Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.

Castro said his three-decade old communist government doesn't need to be tested with a popular vote, declaring, "you

don't play with the revolution. Asked by reporters if he could win a direct election with other candidates, the Cuban President said: "It would be foolishness to have a test only 10 prove wrong those who say Cuha holds fraudulent elections.

"Our system isn't direct, it's indirect, hut in my judgement very democratic," said Castro, who has ruled Cuha since the 1959 revolution.

He said be felt "repugnance" for the electoral system in the United States, which he called "a parody."

His comments appeared to be in response to US Vice-President Dan Quayle, who on Thursday asked "anyone who is in contact with Castro to ask him when be's going to have elections." Quayle also attended the Collor's inauguration.

US spy satellite hardware falling

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP): The Defence Department has reported that "hardware elements" carried into orbit by space shuttle Atlantis last month are expected to fall from the sky

BRASILIA, March 17, (Reuter):

Cuban leader Fidel Castro said

yesterday the United States

would have "a good dose of corpses in boxes" if it invaded

"For them (the United States) imperialisi aggressions always

cease to be applauded when

corpses in boxes start to arrive.

We will have to guarantee a good

dose of corpses in boxes so that

Casiro, who arrived in Brazil

for Thursday's inauguration of

President Fernando Collor de

Mello, was speaking at a huge

news conference attended by

more than 1,000 journalists in

Brasilia's ultra-modern Con-

The Cuban leader said he res-

"If a socialist country wants to

pected the right of socialist coun-

build capitalism, its right to do

this has to be respected," said

Castro, dressed in formal

gress Building.

military attire.

tries to go capitalist.

there is no invasion," he said.

'A terse statement said only that the mission "achieved its goal in association with a classified DOD programme."

Atlantis was launched Feb 28 from Cape Canaveral, Florida, on a secret military mission that, sources said, included the launch of a sophisucated spy satellite.

The statement Friday did not mention a satellite. "Hardware elements are

expected to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere," the statement said. 'We believe there is no risk to life or property.

Pete Williams, the Defence Department spokesman, would not say where or when the hardware elements would plunge back toward the Earth and what portions might be expected to survive intact.
Atlantis' 4.5-day mission

carried the shuttle farther to the north than any previous shuttle flight. Nasa sources who spoke on condition of anonymity said that path enabled the astronauts to release a spy satellite that would overfly areas of the Soviet Union that had never before been observed by a shuttle-laun-

ched satellite. Sources said the satellite was a \$500-million craft capable of taking high resolution photos and eavesdropping on electronic communications over much of

the world. The Defence Department, however, declined to confirm or

deny these reports.

New civilian

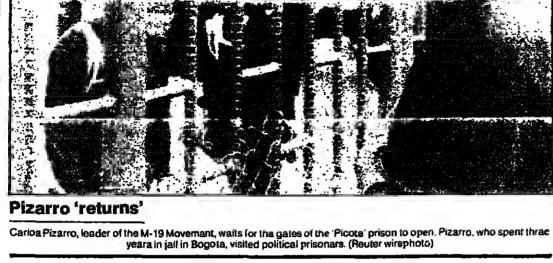
council in Haiti installed

PORT-AU-PRINCE, March 17, (Reuler): Haili's new interim president yesterday installed 11 members of a civilian council of state charged with ruling the impoverished Caribbean nation until elec-tions can be held.

"The moment in which the country is living is more than serious, it is grave." Dr Louis Roy, spokesman for the 19-member council of state said at the swearing-in ceremony at the presidential palace. "Public security is threatened, the peace of

The council of state headed by Haili's first woman president, Supreme Court Justice Ertba Trouillo1, 100k power from the military on Tuesday, three days after former military president Prosper Avril resigned.

Avril flew into US exile on Monday. His successor, army chief Major General Herard Ahraham, handed over power the following day.



Arms control pacts may be delayed

Row over missiles

WASHINGTON, March 17. (Reuter): A dispute between the Soviet Union and the United States over verification of the 1987 Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty may complicate negotiations on two other crucial arms control agreements, US

officials said yesterday. They fear the dispute over an X-ray scanner which the United States wants to use to check the contents of missile cannisters leaving a factory in the Soviet Union may also strengthen rightwing opponents of arms control agreements within the White

House and Congress. "This dispute points up the necessity for even more precise scrutiny of the language and focus our attention on that even more than before," said one Bush administration official.

"It's going to be slow and painful anyway getting the language right. This could make it slower," he said.

The problem arose last weekend at the missile plant of Votkinsk, when Soviet officials refused to allow US technicians to inspect the contents of three

US unfit for low-intensity warfare

WASHINGTON, March 17, (Reuter): The US Defence Department, long focused on the Soviet military threat, is not geared up to fight the low-intensity Third World warfare it is most likely to face in the future, a Congressional report said on Friday.

The report by the General Accounting Office said US forces were likely to face a wide variety of weapons in such wars, including Soviet and American arms and weapons from other Western nations as well as unsophisticated systems.

"Low-intensity warfare is not necessarily low technology warfare." the office said.

missile cannisters with an X-ray system called "cargo scan." The X-rays are needed to check the cannisters do not contain SS-20 missiles banned by the treaty.

The United States regards any question of compliance with the INF treaty as a very serious matter. We have raised this issue at high levels in both Moscow and Washington, including a communication from Secretary Baker to Foreign Minister Shevardnadze," said State Department spokeswoman Mar-

garet Tutwiler. Shevardnadze had replied to Baker agreeing that the matter needed to be resolved quickly. Both countries had sent teams of technical experts to the site to try to sort it out.

Tutwiler made her statement because the incident had already been leaked to the US media. Yesterday, right-wing columnists Rowland Evans and Robert Novak provided a dramatic account in the Washington Post, saying Soviet guards drew their pistols against unarmed US technicians.

This was denied by White House spokesman Marlin Fitz-water, who said: "That's not true. No guns were drawn."

Brathwaite sworn in

ST GEORGE'S, March 17. (Reuter): Career civil servant Nicholas Brathwaite was sworn in yesterday as prime minister of Grenada, ending a political deadlock and dashing the leadership hopes of eccentric former prime minister

the US-led military invasion in 1983.

Governor-General Sir Paul Scoon appointed Brathwaite, whose National

The tiny nation's government had been in limbo since Tuesday, when the

second general elections held since the 1983 invasion produced deadlock among

four centrist parties.

Sir Eric Gairy, who lost his own race for re-election, surprised political analysts when he seized upon the splintered vole to try to broker a ruling majority drawn from three parties.

Gairy, 68, is remembered by many Grenadians for his "Mongoose Gang," a secret police which punished political enemies when he was prime minister. He was deposed by Marxists in 1979 while in New York to appeal to the United Nations to investigate unidentified flying objects.

Brathwaite hriefly led Grenada after US troops ended the island's flirtation with the Marxist government.

He was sworn in at the governor-general's brick Georgian mansion, not far from the prison where 14 men are awaiting execution for the murder of leftist leader Maurice Bishop.

DHOW SAILS as Grenada premier TO THE FAR EAST.

Sir Eric Gairy.

Brathwaite, 64, had guided the Caribbean Island nation for a year following

Democratie Congress (NDC) Party had come closest to gaining a majority in the 15-strong parliament by winning seven seats.

"I had allowed a great deal of time for the political parties to get together and make up their minds. I must now act," said Scoon, who represents the British crown in Grenada, an independent member of the Commonwealth.

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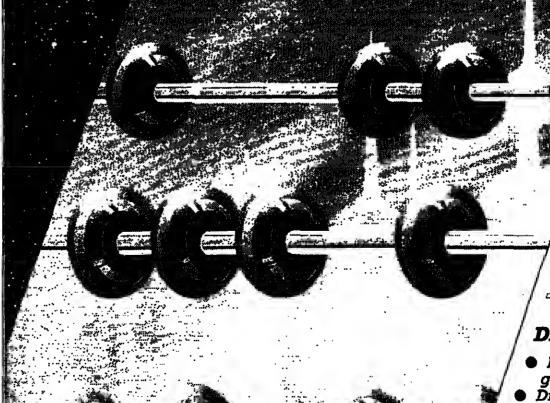
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Angolan rebels, who have claimed sponsibility for several bombings in Luanda, recently announced they would step up urban guerrilla attacks in response to a government troop

offensive.

capital of Luanda, killing a 6-year-old child and wounding five people, Thews reports said 10day. responsibility in the explosion, the

Shuwaikh market operations being streamlined Turn from

Adequate porterage services

ABOUT 3,000 workers and customers gather daily at the Fruit and Vegetable Market at the Al Shuwaikh Area and queries have been raised as to whether the Kuwait Municipality has been successful in extending the necessary facilities and if the necessary organisational measures had been adopted to keep abreast with the progress achieved in different fields in the country.

To highlight this issue, a local daily interviewed a number of merchants and

Fuad Jumah, the project manager at Al Shuwaikh Vegetable Market said the handling constitutes a basic element in the market — both for customers and

mercbants. He added that the company entrusted with providing such services, is keen to provide adequate workers with tools at token charges for undertaking porterage services.

He admitted that in the past, the market was disorganised and charges were above permissible levels, but confirmed that with the institution of a special apparatus of control, market operations have been streamlined. However, he commented that the market is still in need of developing its handling services with the use of enhanced handling, loading and unloading technology.

The official praised the co-operation

level among personnel of the customs department, Kuwait Municipality and the Consumers Protection Department at the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. He disclosed that authorities are currently studying the possibility of establishing recreational facilities for children at the market.

All equipment for these recreational games have been imported and is a waiting adequate sites being provided by Kuwait Municipality, the official said. Meanwhile, Taha Tawfeek, a mer-chant at the market said that the

movement in the market is sluggish. He cited sheds one and three which deal on a wholesale basis as being at a low level of

activity due to the absence of big merchants. Conversely, he said that shed No. 2 is active as it deals with Lebanese. Turkish and Jordanian products. Movement is relatively active in shed No. 1. particularly between 12.00 noon and 3.00 pm—after the closure of shed No. 2. He clarified that the Kuwaiti output is mainly concentrated at shed No. 4 which remains open all day long.

Re-activation

Also commenting on the issue of sheds, Ahmed Okaz, a Turkish merchant as poor and said that 80 per cent of this shed's goods are subject to damage. He called on Ministry of Commerce and Industry officials to show more flex-ibility in dealing with merchants in order to reactivate the market.

He pointed out that there are a lot of onion sacks lying for over a period of four months in shed No. 1 which has resulted in losses estimated at over KD10,000.

Another merchant identified as Ramadhan Ghiad said that the volume of sales of the Fruit and Vegetable Market had dropped by 50 per cent and attributed this phenomenon to the setting up of branches for the Kuwait Agricultural Product Company at each co-operative society which sell at company at each co-operative society which sell at company at the process of the company at th

direct study

ABOUT 263 joint projects are currently under implementation

in the GCC countries.

Recommendations of the discussions centred on not applying direct subsidisation as a means of encouraging investments in the member states. The reasons for this recommendation have been attributed to investors not accor-

Meanwhile, the study said that there are about 35 major projects which belong to the private sec-tor and commented that this figure was very low in comparison to the capability of this sector in the member states.

On the other hand, the study commented that the geogra-phical distribution of the joint projects among the member states is imbalanced. Citing stat-istics, the study said that there are 58 joint projects in Bahrain which constitute 20 per cent of the total, in addition to about 20 per cent in Oman, while the balance which are basically

Further, the study said that Kuwait constitutes a very limited base for joint projects on the basis of its ten projects, even though Kuwait is the second industrial country among the member states and its gross national products (GNP) is rated as third among the GCC conn-

Meanwhile, the study recommended encouraging setting up of joint projects and called on the GCC General Secretariat to obtain the necessary support

Cancel subsidy:

Corporation (GIC).

The study prepared at the request of the GCC General Secretariat was discussed in a symposium beld recently in Manama and dealt with issues related to investment incentives

Further, it was pointed out that though there were 263 projects in the GCC countries, a total of 158 were small projects and the capital of each did not arroad \$5 million. Additionally exceed \$5 million. Additionally, 14 major projects were government projects. Apart from these figures, the study said that there were about 56 banking projects with two-thirds of the capital being invested in Bahrain. The stroy while scored the fact that these projects were aimed at real-ising the political and economic balance among the member

by the GCC countries, according to a study prepared by the Kuwaiti based Gulf Investment

ding adequate priority to the joint projects in this scheme.

small, are among family rela-tions in the United Arab Emirates.

from relevant governments to achieve this objective.

the grave

Arab Times staff

MALCOLM FORBES, the late millionaire publisher, reaction out from his grave last week to brighten the day of his employ. The tycoon mandated in his will that all those who borrowed in \$10,000 from the company, Forbes Inc., will not have to pay be Take it and enjoy it, was the message from the Hamber

proponent of capitalism. I was greatly moved by this act of generosity, the most because I know that we have many tycoons, that can at any match if not Forbes' business acumen then extravagance and match if not rorbes business acumen then extravagance and of adventure, beautiful women and card games. Or at least me who would like to follow in his footsteps. So, I security be hoping that, inspired by Forbes' example, some of them not now stretch their magnanimity to consider not forgiving granting, loans to the most industrious of their employees.

Yet, the matter is not that simple. It could be that generosity not one of the traits of Forbes' character, but that he arrived via a particular event or encounter in his exciting life. So where does it come from? My first guess was that the sympathy for his employees somebow linked to the high flyer's dangerous living. The higher the quicker he realised how pitiable are those down below.

Mind you, some especially smart tycoons I know tell me they not have to fly to learn that.

But Forbes did, and in the process he set six world records hot-air hallooning. He flew coast-to-coast in the US and the went to China to fly over Beijing. Now, we have many high-there who give us a lot of hot air. And I know many employees would send their tycoons flying if that would bring them loans.

But if it is not ballooning it must have been Elizabeth Tay That woman would get any tycoon to part with some of his wealt could be that she was by his side when he reached his amnesty decision. I am sure she could relieve other tycoother equal efficiency and there would be no shortage of volunteer sponsor her. But considering that her schedule must be on tight some newer talent would do as a substitute.

Then a very pleasing thought crossed my mind. It could be

people in Forbes' line of husiness are invested with a special a qualities complete with munificence to those who help the district and maintain their empires. But I promptly discarded that the I know some mini-magnates who do not believe in loans, grant them that is.

When they give a loan it is bad rather than good news. Win means is that someone in your family kicked the bucket and

wages are not enough to cover the airfare to take you to funeral. There was a time though when these magnates use approve loans to their employees. The pitfall there was that after you had repaid the debt they kept on deducting the Ki

after you had repaid the debt they kept on deducting the kind from your salary.

But the generosity one sees in Knwait is enough to make ever spender like Forbes turn in his grave. Just take the latest episod the debt settlement saga. All so called small investors who then a quarter of a million dinars will give what they have what they don't will be written of in the process who aested as grant him storthe smill process. Who aested as grant him storthe smill process when at best displayed an error of judgement when they appropried the latest of the certain loans, will be let off the hook. Eat your heart out For

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should adhere to the im-schedule of departure affixed the ministry. Our estimated THE Ministry of Awgaf and Islamic Affairs for Pilgrimage and Mosques Affairs is continning its ongoing efforts to com-plete formalities of providing licences to citizens who desire to

undertake the running of pil-grimage caravans for the coming grimage caravans for the coming pilgrimage season.

Speaking on the issue, Abdul Rahman Al Fares, assistant undersecretary of the ministry said that 66 caravans carrying about 30,000 pilgrims will be undertaking the journey to he boly lands this year. From this number, 42 will go to Al Madina number, 42 will go to Al Madina Al Munawar and then proceed to Makkab and the balance 24 will

The official said that caravan owners should ensure that their passengers are in possession of valid health cards issued by the Health Ministry and that owners

be travelling on directly to Mak-

ensure that the juggage of p grims travelling in their cosp tive caravans do not contain a prohibited materials. The mile and nationality of the pilot should be clearly written on outside and also made the b gage. Owners have been can upon to ensure that they present at Salmi Border Con with lists of names of their grims 12 hours before departs of their caravans Fares said that caravage t

will go to Al Madina first, being leaving on Tuesday moving — 12.6.1990 in groups will caravans will leave to Make directly will begin leaving on a morning of 20.6.1990 in grow The last group of carava scheduled to leave the country on 23.6.1990, the official said:



Estee Lauder training seminar

Estee Lauder in conjunction with Supply & Building Co., recently held a two-day seminar at the Key International Hotel: nternational mote.
The first seminar was led by Peter Thiel, manager of training and special events who introduced the table.

The first seminal was to by the care and treatments to many beauty consultants and sales staff from mile tores around Kuwait.
On the second day Ms Eleni Kourti, field sales training manager, gave advice on Estee Lauder maying different fragrances for both ladies and men. Above: Peter Thiel conducting the seminar.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Amirl cable

KUWAIT, March 17, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today sent a cable of congratulations to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorba-chev for his election as executive president of the USSR.

Education meeting

KUWAIT, March 17, (Kuna): Specialists from the seven Arab Gulf states today started here a meeting at the Arab Centre for Educational Research to discuss unification of the English curriculum in their countries.

The four-day meeting was inaugurated by Education Undersecretary Abdul Rahman Al Khodari.

Editors received

KUWAIT, March 17, (Kuna): Minister of Information Sbeikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad Al Sabah today received at his office chief editors of Arabiat Magazine Yassir Hiwari and Al Sahafi Magazine published in the United States Hassan

UAE envoy

KUWAIT, March 17, (Kuna): Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Abmad Al Jaber today received at his office UAE's ambassador to Kuwait, on the occasion of ending his mission

Industrial bids

A LOCAL company invited international bids for the import of industrial material for its resin industries and received the lowest offer from a West German

The tender was awarded to the firmata price of \$850 pbr ton and a total amount of US\$850,000 was paid to the supplier.

Great was the surprise when the local firm received buge containers, which on opening revealed the entire cargo as mere

Ensuing investigations have revealed that the supplier was a non-existent company. Upon cashing the full value of the cargo, left West Germany for an unidentified destination.

Wedding response

ACCORDING to a statistical report issued by the Ministry of Justice, four Kuwaiti women acted in response to the HH the Crown Prince's call and accepted to marry without a cash dowry or a future payment.

The women accepted to marry Kuwaiti citizens in response to the call to reduce high dowries in a bid to sort out the problem of spinsterbood in the country which had of late escalated beyond control.

Twenty other Kuwaiti women said yes to tying the knot with Kuwalti men for downes below KD1 and they currently lead successful married lives.

irish cable

KUWAIT, March 17, (Kuna): His Highness the Amir today senta cable of congratulations to the lrish president on the occasion of his country's National Day.

Chinese visit

DOHA, March 17, (Kuna): Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen arrived here Wednesday on an official visit, the first since the two countries established

diplomatic relations in 1988. The Chinese visitor told reporters at the airport that he will discuss many issues of bilateral

Donation to Soviets

MOSCOW, March 17, (Kuna): It was announced bere Wednesday that Kuwaiti Ambassador to the Soviet Union Abdelmohsin Al Duaij has donated five thousand dollars from his personal account to support a Soviet

social fund. Tass news agency said Duaij wanted to display the excellent relations between the Soviet Union and Kuwait when he donated the money for the Inter-national Soviet Fund for

Families with many children. With this donation, Duaij has become the first diplomat in Moscow to support the activities of this newly formed humanitarian organisation, according





Duaij inaugurates Abdalli nursery

Farmers' efforts lauded

ABDALLI'S modern nursery for plants and trees was inaugurted Thursday by the bead of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources,

Sheikh Ibrahim Duaij Al Sabah. The inauguration was attended by the Tunisian Undersecretary for Farming. Husni Al Zayyati, bis accompanying delegation, local press reporters and other dignitaries who were taken on an organised tour of a number of farms in Abdalli area. On conclusion of the tour,

Sheikh Duaij stressed the impor-

tance of agriculture as a part of

the food security plans and

underscored the sufferings of far-

mers through weather fluctua-tions, blights and other related adverse conditions. He commended the efforts exerted by farmers in developing and improving this vital sector

THE manager of the Orphan-support Project at Kuwait Zakat House Jassem Al Kandari has said

that the project is being implemented through 79

Islamic agencies and institutions in 32 Muslim and

Speaking to a local daily, he said that the project,

founded in mid October 1983, supported 15,970

orphans in 29 different countries, and that the

project was financed by 11,853 sponsors, 1,201 of

He said that the total amount of money collected

in support of the Orphan-support Project over the last year alone was KD1,108,926, adding that the

beneficiaries from this project were 1,665 orphans in Egypt, 769 in Palestine, 1,453 in the Sudan, 1596 in Afghanistan and 1,797 in Bangladesh.

Skills

He said that under this project, 8 orphanages had so far been built in Palestine, Bangladesh, India and

the Philippines, besides five others currently under

construction in Indonesia, Lebanon, Pakistan and

He pointed out that the projects and enterprises

launched by the bouse in support of orphans had so far counted 12 in each of Lebanon, Pakistan,

Bahrain, the Philippines, Sudan, Ivory Coast, Senegal and India, adding that these projects include the

MPH survey

IN A procedural measure deemed as the first of its kind in the Ministry of Public Health, the Undersecretary, Dr Nael Al Naqeeb conducted a survey among nurses working in the administrative field at the ministrative hospitals.

A local daily quoting the Director of the Nursing Depart-ment, Meriam Al Raqam said

that this step bas been instituted

as the ministry's officials con-cluded that a number of nurses at

the ministry had abandoned their main line of activity and

were now involved in adminis-

trative jobs.
The official said: "The return

of these nurses to their nursing

professions will relatively cover

the shortage of nurses presently being experienced in the minis-try's bospitals." She went on to add that some Asian nurses were

considering Kuwait to be a tran-

sit station to America after they

had gained the needed training

The survey was conducted at

the following six bospitals: Al Sabah, Al Amiri, Mubarak, Al

Adan, Al Jahra and Al Farwan-iya. A total of 101 nurses have

been identified as performing

administrative jobs out of a total

of 3,000 nurses.

and experience from Kuwait.

try's hospitals.

them from outside Kuwait.

and said that every assistance should be provided to enhance the agriculture sector in the country. The official expressed

optimism towards Kuwait's agricultural future and added that the authority will spare no efforts in backing up farmers and citizens in order to develop this Projects

Sheikh Duaij expressed his optimism that a large number of citizens will enter the agricultural field by investing their funds in this highly productive and essential sector. He stated that scientific developments and modern agricultural methods should all be mobilised to overcome adverse weather conditions in

15,970 orphans supported

Zakat House

The official disclosed that the authority had drawn up a large number of projects within the framework of its next five-yearplan. These projects include establishing three stations for agricultural experiments in Wafra, Abdalli and Kabad, in addition to constructing a cen-tral laboratory and Animal Health Centre. Further, the authority will also establish a modern fish farm, the produce of which will be distributed among

residents at symbolic prices. He added that an agreement was signed for a new develop-ment plan for establishing a cen-

tral building for the authority and a zoo in Shadadiya area with a total area of 800,000 square meters. Sheikh Duaij stated that establishing the zoo will be a highlight of the anthority's future plans and another touris-

provision of rice farms, fish farms, pharmaceutical

in support of orphans include the orphans

rehabilitation project, under which unproductive

orphans are trained in various vocational skills to

enable them to find decent jobs and turn productive.

He said that co-ordination was under way with four charity agencies inside Kuwait on the orphan-

support project, which included the African Muslims Committee through which orphans in the Sudan and Kenya were offered aid, the Society for

the Revival of Islamic Heritage through which sup-

port and aid was offered to orphans in the Ivory Coast and Senegal and the Palestine-Lebanon Sup-port Committee through which aid was given to orphans in Palestine and Lebanon and the Islamic

International Charity Organisation and Asian Muslim Committee through which orphanages

He paid tribute to the co-operation rendered by

the Ministry of Communications in agreeing to print stamps especially dedicated to the orphan

support project lauding the efforts exerted by the

Ministry of Information in carrying out radio and

TV interviews aimed at shedding light on this project

and urging donors all over the region to contribute to the funding of this project.

He said that other projects managed by the house

and medical needs, and others.

were built in Indonesia.

Pharmaceutical industry

being developed: Saffoori

THE local ministry-sponsored pharmaceutical industry in

Shuwaikh is able to provide 12 per cent of the total requirements

of the ministry for tahlets, capsules, creams, ointments, suppositories, drops and disinfectant solutions.

Dr Saleh Al Saffoori, manager of the factory told Al Seyassah

that thanks to the continued support and attention of the minister and senior ministry officials the factory is progressing

steadily.

He highlighted the importance of combining local efforts to contribute to the government's plans to achieve pharmaceunical security, stressing that this would not be possible until the local pharmaceutical industries could meet 70 per cent of the local

He pointed out that since the establishment of the factory, the

performance and work levels were being refined steadily to be confinually able to step up and develop output to meet high international standards and cover as much as possible of the country's demand for locally-produced medicine.

He added that the local pharmaceutical products had many

advantages as these were manufactured to resist the local weather conditions, meet social requirements and have a longer

Saffoori said that problems facing the pbarmaceutical industries here and in other Arab countries included the unavailability of the raw materials, lack of consistent planning scheme to foil international attempts at pharmaceutical monopoly, absence of

complementary industries, such as plastic, carton, aluminium and others, absence of pharmaceutical research centres, need to unify industrialisation standards co-operation to issue a unified

Arab law to govern the produce of pharmaceutical industries and the establishment of a higher authority which would endorse the

local use of locally produced or imported pharmaceutical

demand for medications.

afforestation.

Speaking on the nursery just inauguratred, Sheikh Duaij said that it will have a production capacity of 100,000 seedlings a year which are intended to be distributed among citizens. He added that an equivalent nursery will be established by the authority at Wafra area during the next five-year-plan.

tic and educational project will

also be established.

The head of the authority

praised the Tunisian expertise in

the agricultural field in general

and with palm agriculture in par-

ticular. He indicated that during

his visit to Tunis, he signed an

agreement to exchange expertise

in this field and announced that

the Tunisian afforestation direc-

tor is currently visiting the coun-

try to familiarise himself with

Kuwait's plans in the field of

Governorate councils not legislature says Saleh

THE chairman of the Hawally Governorate Council Dawood Musaed Al Saleb has said that the governorate councils are basically technical and not leg-islative councils whose formanon was originally endorsed by

the National Assembly in 1983. He told a local daily that these councils were not a substitute to the National Assembly, as it is being said in diwaniyas. These councils were available in most advanced countries of the world which contained parliamentarian councils, such as the US, Britain and others.

The councils of local government and neighbourhood differed considerably from legislative councils, as the former operated at the level of the local area, whereas the parliamentarian councils were operating as legislative and control bodies over all state organs, the official

He referred to the Amiri decree on the formation of the governorate councils which defined the functions and objectives of these councils. These included the co-ordination with the gover-nor in the field of economic and social development for each governorate, and supervision of all activities implemented within the framework of national development plans through the identification of the needs of each governorate and work to meet its requirements within the

limits of available budget. The councils also ensured the provision of needed public services to citizens, discussed their problems to find effective solutions, organised religious, educational, social, sports, cultural and health activines, and deepened the sense of respon-sibility and national belonging, the governor said.

Rs 5m for mosque

ISLAMABAD, March 17, (Kuna): A Kuwaiti philanthropist has donated a sum of rupees five million for building a mosque in the premises of the under-construction Al Shifa Trust Eye Hospital in Rawal-pindi City, an official press release said here today.

The same of the philanthrop-

ist was not disclosed in the press

MOC aims to simplify telephone procedures

THE assistant undersecretary for subscribers' services at the Ministry of Communications (MOC), Khaled Abdul Latif Al Houti said that its policy aims primarily at simplifying telephone connection procedures and that all applications will be processed at the same centre.

Speaking to a local daily, he said that a study is being carried out at the ministry to decide on the cancellation of the reconnection fee of KD5. To further provide facilities to subscribers, the introduction of the public auto-card overseas calling service will be introduced at the MOC's different exchange offices. This facility will also be of help in reducing crowds at the

First TT

baby in

Bahrain

By Yakub Razzaque

Arab Times staff

recorded a unique event, Friday, with the birth of the first test-

tube baby in the country at the Bahrain Defence Force Hospital

The baby, a Bahraini girl, was born at 9.30 am and weighed 2kg and 620 grammes. Hospital sour-

ces reported that the infant was

delivered by Caesarean section by Dr Nabil Riskalla, consultant

and head of the in-vitro fertilisa-tion (IVF) unit at the BDF Hosp-

ital. Both the baby and her mother are said to be in fine con-

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Meanwhile, three more test-

tube babies are expected to be

Bahrain became the first coun

try in the region to set up an IVF

Unit which opened in May last

year: But at a cost of BD100,000

the unit is a joint project of the BDF Hospital and the Arabian

Gulf surprise

KUWAFT, March 17, (Kuna): A

Kuwaiti diplomat has described

the recent Iranian memorandum

to official Bahraim departments and emhassies in Manama

requesting the change of any reference to the Gulf to the Per-

sian Gulf as "surprising" and added it had led to strong reac-

Zia. Kuwait's - Ambassador to

Bahrain Faisal Al Haji speaking

to a local daily, said the memo, which was titled by the words

The United Nations, is not an

not scaled or sanctioned by the

UN decision then "the UN is the

only authorised party to dis-

ama had received official mes-

sages from the Bahraini foreign

ministry banning them from

addressing or circulating any

memos to various circles in

Bahrain without notifying the

ministry before hand, the ambas-

Haji praised Kuwait-Bahrain

He condemned the Soviet Jew-

ish migration to the occupied

Arab lands, describing the Jews influx as a "Zionist scheme" to

displace the remaining Palestin-

ians from the occupied West

achieve the Zionist dream of

League rumours

KUWAIT, March 17, (Kuna):

Tunisian Embassy here today denied as baseless rumours the

press reports which claimed that.

there had been differences

among the member states of the

Arab Maghreb Union on shift-

ing the headquarters of the Arab League from Tunis to Cairo as

decided by the Arab Foreign

Ministers early this month.

In a press release the embassy

said the compromise worked out by the Arab foreign ministers

council has been the fruit of

intensive efforts and consula-

tions that took place in a sincere

Bank and Gaza Strip in order to

greater Israel.

relation describing them as

Diplomatic missions in Man-

He indicated if the memo was a

Gulf University.

born in the next few weeks.

Strict penalties for nuisance calls MOC's different exchange offices who are presently overwhelmed with requests for

The official said that work is underway to set up two new exchange offices - one in Qurain and the other in West Fintas. Additional facilities will be constructed during the MOC's 1990-95 five-year-plan.
These would include offices in Salwa. South Surrah and Sabhan

A special committee has been formed at the ministry to look into subscriber complaints and requests to study overbilling. Field visits will be conducted by the committee to sort out any existing interference of subscriber lines that might be responsible for such overbilling. Overseas calls will be made to the concerned countries at the ministry's expenses to determine the cause

of subscribers complaints.

The official said that a total of 500 subscribers have requested authorities to place their lines under surveillance because of recurrent harassing calls. Subscribers can apply for this service at their local police station and surveillance will be undertaken by the Interior Ministry per-

sonnel or hy the local exchange office. He added that those found responsible for harassing others, will have their services disconnected, pay a fine and provide a written pledge not to make any nuisance calls in the future.

All complaints are thoroughly investigated and should the culprits be found to be ministry personnel strict measures will

The official said that a total of 150 subscribers had applied for secret numbers and commented that these numbers are leaked only through the relatives or friends of the subscribers.

He added that subscribers failing to pay their overdue bills would be notified twice. failing which the service will be disconnected. After which, if the bills still remained unpaid the issue would be placed in the jurisdiction of the court.

Kheiran masterplan completed: Sheikh Ali

THE state has allocated KD100 million for expropriation purposes in the present fiscal year and within the framework of the expropriation activities, the committee for public interests held its first meeting and issued decisions to expropriate some real estate that should be removed to carry out public projects in different areas of

Speaking on the issue, the acting director general of Kuwait Municipality, Sheikh Sahah Jaher Al Ali said that the preliminary value of these real estates totalled KDS4 million. leaving a halance in the expropriation hudget for this year of KD46 million.

The official said that the municipality has finalised the masterplan of Kheiran City, while Subhiya City project is still being studied. He added that the municipality began a plan to maintain and beautify buildings in difand beautify buildings in dif-ferent areas ten months ago. Initially work began with huild-ings at the Capital, Hawalli and Salmiya areas and it has been observed that the plan in any area takes about 8 to 12 months to be implemented — depending on the response of landlords to the plan. About, 165, buildings in Kuwait are in need of mainten-Kuwait are in need of mainten-ance and to have new facades, the official said.

Meanwhile, Sheikh Sahah pointed out that the municipality is undertaking a study in co-operation with the Kuwait Institute for Scientific Research on the feasibility of closing shops in model areas. The municipal affairs committee extended the period of closure to one year. Several extensions had also previously been granted to owners of these shops to permit them adequate time to find substitute shops in considering that this was the source of livelihood and hoped that the study will achieve public interests.

He pointed out that the municipality conducted io-depth studies to provide utilities at the five governorates such as: vegetables markets, slaughterhouses, co-operatives, cattle markets, ourseries and hird markets. A study has been forwarded to the municipal affairs committee to allocate lands for

these utilities. Speaking on the employment level at the municipality, the official said that after contracting with local private cleanliness companies to carry out cleanlioess works at housing areas in the fiscal year 1985/1986, the municipality dismissed 3,709 workers. He added that the municipality will study the status of other workers after handling all

cleanliness companies.

Sheikh Sabah denied that some inspectors of the municipality demand bribes from owners of shops to exempt them respect with the food and shop icipality. Investigations will be

done, the official said. He added that inspectors are any conflict of interest. Those

He went on to state that the municipality has increased the oumbers of food inspectors at the vegetables market in Shuwaikh, Jahra and Rigga. It has also organised a specialised training course for them in co-operation with the Public Authority for Applied Education and Train-

HH tha Amir Shaikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah received at his office at Bayan Palace yesterday envoy of tha Indian prime minister and Deputy Chairman of the Upper House Dr Naima Heptullah. Dr Heptullah conveyed a message to HH the Amir from the Indian Prima Minister V.P. Singh.

Amir receives Heptullah

The meeting was attended by Acting Foreign Minister, Undersecretary Falsal Salch Al Mutewa and the Indlan Ambassador to Kuwait Arun Kumar Budhiraja. HH the Crown Prince end Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Sabah also received in audience at Bayan Palace deputy chairman of India's Upper House Dr Najma Hepfullah and her accompanying

delegation on the occasion of their visit to the country.

The meeting was attended by Acting Foreign Minister, Undersecretary Faisal Al Saleh Al Mutawa and the Indian ambassador to Kuwalt.

Organ procurement law ineffective, says Abouna

Patients dying for lack of organs

By Diana Abou Haidar Arab Times steff

THE Ministry of Public Health should be more strict with doctors who do not report deaths to Hamad Al Essa Kidney aod Organ Transplaot Centre, said Dr George Abouna, head of the centre and head of Organ Transplant Department at Kuwait University's Faculty of

We have one of the best laws in the world concerning organ procurement. It requires doctors to report all deaths to the centre so that we could ask the family of the deceased for permission to harvest his/her organs. But sadly enough, doctors do not cooperate with us," stated Abouna.

"Last year, only eight out of 320 deaths caused hy road accidents were reported to the centre. Four families out of these eight gave us permission to use the organs of their deceased relatives. This is a very good percentage which tells us that people

Ahouna stated that the problem lies more in the attitudes of doctors towards organ donation rather than those of people. He called oo the ministry to reward doctors who report death cases and penalise those who don't. "Colleagues from Saudi Arahia who participated io the 2nd International Congress of the Middle East Society for Organ Transplants told us that such a system has proven very successful in Saudia

Policies He also called on managers of hospitals and health districts to meet with their staff and explain

in depth the policies of the ministry concerning organ procurement because doctors do not usually read new laws and regulatioos. "We iovited local doctors to attend our conference

hut very few came," Abouna

George Ahoune ... disappointed

"If we manage to get organs from 30 per cent of those who die in accidents every year, we will be able to perform all the needed traosplants in Kuwait," he added. "It is heart-breaking to know that during the last 10 years, we got permission to procure organs only from 7 cadavers out of 4,700 people who died in road accidents."

Abouna explained that organs from ooe dead person could help at least seven living people. "We have 14 people waiting for liver transplaots. Patients, amoog them kids, are dying every month for lack of organs."

"Participants at the cooference were very impressed with the centre when they visited it,

but what good are all these facilities and technologies if we do oot have organs to transplant," asked Abouna. **Transplant facts**

- The University of Wisconsin Solution that was developed by the university two years ago permits the preservation of a kidney for four days, and the preservation of a pancreas or a liver for 30 hours, the thing that avails surgeons and patients more time for physical and psy-chological preparation for the

operation. Kidneys procured from chil-dren can be transplanted in adults with the rate of success of 65 per cent. Sixteen such operations have been perfor-

med in Kuwait. Kidney transplants could be as successful at the age of 60 as at the age of 20 or 30.

The rate of success of liver transplants is 80 per cent compared to 40 per cent six years ago, thanks to developments in organ preservation and tis-

Suc topping. Liver cancer seems to recurrin recepients of transplanted livers who lost their own livers to the malignaot tumour.

Research is oogoing to find out why this happens. 3,000 pancreas transplants have been completed around the world, most of which in

the US with a success rate of 70 per cent. - Io 10 years, surgeons expect

to be able to transplant the insulin-producing cells of the pancreas rather than transplanting the whole organ.

A new drug developed hy the Japanese holds great promise in reducing the body's rejection of the transplacted organ. The drug which is expected to be oo the market in a year has very few side

Blind bemoan discrimination

Many have lost hope

A LOCAL daily conducted a number of interviews with hlind individuals to highlight their opinions oo

doors are closed to them and therefore called for equal opportunities in line with normal individuals. They indicated that despite the fact that most jobs they apply for do not require eye sight, they are still refused employment. They also criticised society's attitude to marriages of the hlind and called oo officials of the National Housing Authority to

Khaled stated that the society is considered a public charity organisation in the country. He added that since its inception, the objectives of the society mainly focus on integrating the blind with the geoeral society and resolving their problems to ensure

including cultural and scientific activities. The society works towards creating a more sociable atmosphere for its members and organises several internal and outside trips. The society sent a group of members to Bahrain to receive education on using the telephone and some of them have been employed at government authorities.

The main problem of the blind is obtaining suita-hle jobs and Dr Mdairis Al Rashidi speaking on the subject commented that this problem can be redressed by modifying the Civil Service Commission law which gives all individuals the right to a joh provided they are healthy. Another blind person commented that due to the

obstacles facing most blind individuals, they have lost bope. He said that when a blind individual proposes to marry a normal female, society looks down on the proposal and added that the rebuttal is even more severe when it relates to a blind female.

Ahmad Al Helwan, another blind individual called for equal opportunities for blind expatriates and added that expatriates who are hlind are asked to leave the country when they reach the age of 21 due to the fact that they cannot be employed.

Women's society conduct symposium on effects of maids

BAYADER AL SALEM Women's Society, in co-operation with the Environment Protection Council organised a siminar on health and educational aspects of housemaids on children.

Speaking at the seminar on the occasion of the ideal governorate week, Dr Mai Al Galal, head of Adailiya Health Centre referred to the positive role of the baby-sitter when she had been selected after a careful

She commented that the baby-sitter should be of good moral character and preferably from the same religion so as to play her role towards enhancing the Islamic awareness among the children and

added that the role of the baby-sitter should complement that of the

Speaking of the negative role of the housemaids, the official said that relevant statistics issued in 1984 and 1985 confirmed that direct negligence hy housemaids had caused 118 poisoning cases from February 1984 to Feb 1985 and that 93 per cent of these cases were related to children under the age of five. She also said that there were documented cases of housemaids deliberately administering poisoo to



Subbiya plaque unveiled

Minister of Electricity and Water Dr. Homoud Al Roobah yeslerday unveiled a plaque commemorating the laying of the loundation stone at the new Subblya power station. The new power and water desalination station will begin operation in 1992. It is designed to produce a maximum of 2,400 MW oI electricity. It is expected to supply the new proposed city of Subbiya, north of Kuwait.

Expanding horizons

US space centre to zero in on talented youngsters

By Lima Al Khalafawi Arab Times staff

:AMERICAN science experts have called on all youngsters to take a keen interest in the various sciences and improve their skills through close practical involvement with science centres and clubs.

The supervisor of the Howard Owens Science Centre, Winnie Wooley stressed the extreme importance of science centres and urged for the inclusion of a larger number of gifted youngsters and students who have yet to demonstrate an active interest m involving themselves with. the scientific activities of these scientific institutes.

Wooley said that many talented youngsters are identified by the tests they take, or being specially selected on the basis of the performance in their experiments conducted m science centres.

The Director of Education for the Challenger Centre for Space Science Education, Richard Methia, said that the centre is certainly looking for these promising youngsters that have the spark and in cooperation with Nasa are looking forward to develop the scientific acumen of these promising youngsters. He disclosed that an international facility will be opened within the coming three years and the centre along with Nasa will target those youngsters who are really sharp in the sciences.

In relation to the needs of a science city, Wooley said that the most advanced equipment is essential and that state-ofthe art technology and



Winnie Wooley

facilities are a prerequisite for youngsters to address the various facets of today's scientific problems and dimen-

Methia stressed on the importance of youngsters understanding the ethical dimensions of these problems and the fact that technology can be used for good or bad in addition to instilling a highlevel of technological consciousness in these upcoming

queries to the centres.

Centre is a Maryland funded education facility designed to help students to improve their scientific skills. The centre provides students from all over the region with the opportunity for hands on experimentation in the field of physics, biology and space science. The centre is also one of the first Challenger learning centres. The centre has been developed to honour the US astronauts killed in the space shuttle Challenger, and was designed to permit students simulate a shuttle launch and to perform any of the innumerable tasks required during a manned shuttle

operation. The Challenger Centre for Space Science Education includes distance learning programmes, teachers training the centre's national faculty and curriculum

simulates a space environment iunction with each other.

Wooley and Methia fielding questions from Kuwait, Qatar and Egypt on the US government Worldnet Broadcast, welcomed those interested in joining programmes and obtaining information and materials to forward their

The Howard Owens Science

development. Owens Centre helps students improve their science skills and Challenger Learning Centre located at Owens Centre opened a year ago

Wooley said that program-

About the translation of

Challenger Centre material into Arabic, Methia said "This is the very issue indicated two Salman to the Challenger family members who visited him when he indicated interest to possibly offer funding to the translation.

About the centre's contribution to local industries on medium and long-term basis, Wooley said that this helps youngsters to build up a level of commitment that will sustain and support that kind of endeavour. This is intended as every nation needs industrial expansion, and also is intended to provide opportunities of literacy of scientific technology to support local indus-

On the issue of funding the centres, Wooley said that the Owens Centre is a part of the public school budget and Methia commented that the base support for Challenger Centre comes from the US Congress and is also strongly supported by foundations within the US, in addition to general public support.

officials said.

handicapped, Wooley said that Owens Centre is completely accessible, where there are ramps, wheelchairs and elevators - so no place in the centre is off limits to these students and participants.



and both centres work in con-

mes offered to youngsters at the Owens Centre is to expand the horizon of gifted students.

years ago by Prince Sultan Bin

Both officials praised the level of commitment of teachers at Challenger programmes, in addition to which there are 75 active members at Challenger faculty who give workshops on weekends, the

Speaking of the physically

want to help others," he added.

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forbidden to shop during their official working hours, to avoid found shopping during these hours could be presecuted for receiving bribes.

facilities provided to them by society in general. The general consensus is that most employment

reconsider their cases. Chairman of the Society for the Blind Hamad Al

for them comfortable living conditions.

He indicated that the society has several activities



The Messilah Beach Club witnessed the unique 'Strongman' competition where strong athletes competed in events ranging from judo to truck towing. Winston cigarettes, always encouraging such events cosponsored the show. Some of the 'Strongmen' appear in the sponsored the show. Some of the Strongment appear and photograph.

Harsh Iran measures against black marketeers

Influx of Soviet Jews

tougher action

Jews in occupied Palestine has

become a basie element of Zion-

ist strategy aimed at creating a

of facilitating the emigration of

Jews to Israel by restricting their entry into the United States.

to take these new immigrants and

exerted pressure for direct

airlinks beween Moscow and Tel

Gahid added that the European Economie Commun-

He said that successive Israeli

"They have increased their essure on the Soviet Union so

"Strangely enough, they

governments have established a

link between Jewish emigration

and the relations between the two

that it may authorise the emigra-

tion of Jews under the cover of

always made the free emigration

of Jews from the Soviet Union

one of the important issues in

consequences" of large-scale Jewish emigration from the

Morocco sentences activists

Amnesty men ordered to leave

those jailed at Sale.

Mohammed Abbadi.

second half of March.

these discussions," the statement said.

Gahid warned of the "grave

American-Soviet relations."

human rights," he said.

ity had taken the same attitude.

Aviv," he said.

He also accused Washington

The United States ... refused

greater Israel," he added.

NICOSIA. March 17, (AP): Iran's judiciary will impose barsh measures against black marketeers, including the death penalty in the worst cases, the official Islamic Republic News Agency

reported yesterday.

Tehran radio quoted the head of the judiciary. Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi, as saying, "those who desecrate the hlood of the martyrs by creating a black market should be dealt with harshly.

Yazdí said the decision to impose execution as a maximum penalty against "economic terrorists" was awaiting parliamentary approval, Irna reported. The agency, monitored in Cyprus, said

UN plan

for Kabul

refugees

criticised

PESHAWAR, March 17, (AP): An ambitious UN programme to help Afghan refugees return home is being criticised by humanitarian

workers and others who say it is

too soon to encourage people to go back to the war-torn country.

refugees living in Pakistan and another 2 million in Iran. Most are

bolding off on returning to their homeland because of the contin-

"The primary reason refugees

won't leave is still security," said a

US diplomat, speaking on condi-

Sadruddin Aga Khan, co-ordin-ator of the UN's Refugee

Repatriation Programme has

appealed for more contributions

rom governments to meet a \$650 milion fundraising target for this

contribution, saying the money was being wasted since refugees

were not yet returning home in

dis programme was "a bit of a

"Denors have gradually

become very sceptical about the

likelihood of repatriation," the

official said, speaking on condi-

Almost two years ago, Sadrod-

din asked for \$1.2 hillion in dona-

tions, saying hundreds of

thorsands of refugees would soon

But last year fewer than

100,000 refugees left Pakistan's squalid camps, where open sewers

snake through a maze of mud-

dired buts and tents, to return to

"And 100,000 is nothing w

you have almost 4 million," said

when there is peace and security,

said Pierce Gerety, deputy chief of

the United Nations High Com-

missioner for Refugees mission in Islamabad. "They are afraid of the bombings, but they are also

afraid of the complete lack of law

and order in mujahedeen-con-

US hacked Muslim insurgents

have been fighting successive com-

munist governments in Kabul

since a 1978 coup toppled Mohammad Daoud, a cousin nf

They call themselves muiahedeen, meaning Islamic "holy warriors," because they believe

they are hattling to safeguard

Islem against an atheist govern-

Several aid organisations,

headquartered in Pakistan, and

even the UN refugees mission,

said Sedruddin has set his sights

- and fundraising goals - too

small scale is necessary, but, do we need \$1 billion? No," said Gerety.

Another UN official suggested

het small-scale repatriation and

reconstruction projects would

recretary at the Japanese

embasey in Islamabad, told the Associated Press that Japan froze its constibution because "nobody s going back to Afghanistan."

"Some of the projects were not being well conducted and it is too

early in implement others," said Samukawa, who refused to

Fujio Samukawa, first

"Repatriation (work) on a

Afghanistan's ex-monarch.

"Most of them say they will go

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the US diplomat.

trolled areas."

There are 3.8 million Afghan

Yazdi was talking to a group of ulema, or religious experts, in the city of Qom. It is the centre for theological studies in the Islamic Republic.

He said the "decisive and intensive"

measures against the saboteurs of the economy would affect even those in gover-. nmental organisation. The state-run radio quoted Yazdi as saying the judiciary will also deal sternly with those who do not follow Islamic

codes, such as wearing the head cover known as hijah for women. Meanwhile, Iran's former chief justice Ayatollah Abdulkarim Musavi Ardebili called on the Muslim people to abide by

JEDDAH, March 17. (Agencies): Representatives of nine

members of the Organisation of

Islamic Conference met today to

discuss urgent measures to coun-

ter mass emigration of Soviet

Jews to Israel and occupied Arah

to define urgent measures to be taken individually or collectively

to counter the diabolical plan

against the Islamic nation, the

Palestinians and the Arah people of the Middle East," OIC

Secretary-General Hamid Al

Gabid said in an opening speech.

The two-day meeting is atten-ded by officials from Jordan,

Malaysia, Morocco, Pakistan,

Saudi Arahia, Senegal, Syria,

Sierra Leone and the Palestine

The 46-member OIC is the

Gahid accused Israel of

exploiting liberalisation in Eas-

tern Europe to move large num-

bers of Jews from the Soviet

Union and settle them in Israel

and the occupied West Bank and

defence lawyers said today.

Interior and told to leave.

buman rights concerns, it said.

"The policy of assembling

RABAT, March 17, (Reuter): Six Moroccan Muslim

militants were each sentenced to two years' jail and fined 10,000 dirhams (\$1,250) by a court in Sale near Rabat,

The men were convicted on Friday night of belonging to an illegal organisation, collecting funds without permission and breaching the peace by distributing propaganda.

They were members of the Adl Wa Linsane fundamen-talist movement, led by Sheikh Abd Assalam Yassine, which was ordered dissolved by the authorities on Jan 10.

since Dec 30 and is not permitted to receive visitors except members of his immediate family.

Earlier on Friday, the London-based human rights group Amnesty International said two of its members had been ordered to leave Morocco.

Amnesty said in a statement that the officials -

Prudence Elizabeth Hodgkins and Joan Ray — were meeting members of a non-government human rights

group when they were summoned to the Ministry of the

The jailing of the fundamentalists was the fourth case in a scries of trials of Islamic activists in the past six months.

The women arrived in Morocco on Tuesday to research

Yassine has been under house arrest at his home in Sale

political umbrella for the world's

estimated I billion Muslims.

Liberation Organisation.

The meeting should enable us

territories.

the religious and ideological principles of Islam during the approach of Ramadan. The holy month of dusk-to-dawn fasting that starts in about 10 days.

Irna, which carried excerpts of his prayer speech in Tehran, said be advised Muslim women to remain veiled in public places especially during Ramadan.

Ardebili also commented on the economie situation, saying the "Islamie society cannot tolerate a community at which some people manage to amass wealth and others have hard time trying to make ends meet in their daily subsistence," according

Soviet Union to Israel.

He said it would "create major

upheavals in the region, change

its demography, undermine Palestinian rights, lead to the confiscation of more Palestinian land, the setting up of more settlements and strengthen the Israeli military apparatus."

• In Amman, former US

president Jimmy Carter, architect of the peace treaty bet-

ween Egypt and Israel, criticised

Israel yesterday for planning to settle Soviet Jews in occupied

"To the extent that the Israeli

officials are using the Soviet Jew-

ish immigration to populate the

occupied territories, this is coun-

ter-productive, an impediment

to peace and an unwarranted and

inexcusable exploitation of the Soviet Jews," he told Jordanian

A US Jewish leader Sholom

Comay urged Pope John Paul

yesterday to make a bold gesture

to help Middle East peace by

recognising Israel and going to

occupied Jerusalem as a

peacemaker like former Egyp-

tian president Anwar Sadat.

Arab territory.

parliamentarians,

At previous trials in Tarondant, Mohammedia and Ken-

itra 15 activists were jailed for between one month and one

The five others, members of the movement's consultative council, were: Mohamed Bashiri, Mohamed Alaoui, Arsalane Fathaliah, Abdelwaheb Moutawakil and

The national news agency MAP published a statement accusing Amnesty of arriving without permission although contacts had begun to fix an official visit during the

"Amnesty International has deliberately violated the spiril and the letter of the discussion process underway and has thereby forced Morocco to put off until another time

The MAP statement reiterated the government position that Amnesty failed to change its report after receiving a detailed 61-page case by case reply to the allegations.

Morocco denies it has political prisocers, saying everybody behind bars has been convicted on criminal

Yassine's son-in-law Abdullah Shibani was among

Large-scale protests against prices hikes, inflation, and shortages of consumer goods have recently been reported in Tehran and other major Iranian cities. Shortages in the state-controlled economy have created a raging black market in

almost all consumer goods.
Iranian President Hashemi Rafsanjani bas been trying to overcome the soaring economic crisis since the Gulf war came to a halt in August 1988.

His government announced on March 4 the creation of 2 million new jobs in the framework of his five-year development plan to revive the economy and calm

OIC calls for

week.
"I don't capitulate to
ultimatums—not of rabbis, not of
ministers and not of members of

Israel radio said Likud Mem-bers of Parliament would meet tonight to discuss Shamir's future and decide whether to back him to

"These lone voices don't make

But he added: "I won't be angry

if one day the Likud institutions convene and decide they have to change the leader. Nothing in politics is eternal."

ing the support of two swing religious parties in Parliament who helped tha left-of-centre Labour Party to a 60 to 55 victory in the 120-member legislature in Thursday's vote.

leader Shimon Peres as vice-premier on March 13 and other Labour ministers quit in protest, in a dispute about US proposals for convening Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

No immediate decision was Likud the task of forming a new government, the radio said.

Herzog meets tomorrow with leaders of Likud with 40 seats in Parliament and Labour with 39 as he launches customary consultations with the parties before assig-

tions with the parties before assig-ming a would-be prime minister to put together a ruling coalition. Peres, a former premier, has been favoured by Israeli media to win the president's mandate in view of some newly acquired sup-port from religious factions which combined with 15 seats held by left-wine warties could eye him an left-wing parties could give him an edge over Likod in mustering a majority.

Shamir fights for his place

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, March 17, (Agencies): Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir dug in his heeks today to fight for his place at the head of the right-wing Likud party after the collapse of his coalition government this

another party or of my own party," Shamir said in a radio interview.

BEIRUT, March 17, (AP): President Elias Hirawi's govern-

dispute between Interior Mini-

ster Elias Khazen and Central

Bank governor Edmond Naimas

rival Christian forces skirmished

The independent An-Nahar daily said Hirawi was trying "to

avoid an all-out split that could undermine" his 14-man, Syrian-

backed government of Chris-tians and Muslims.

It was formed in November to

implement an Arab League-

brokered peace plan to end the

nearly 15-year-old civil war. Renegade Gen. Michel

Aoun's troops and militiamen of

the Lebanese Forces clashed.

with machine-guns and rocket-

propelled grenades in the

Kesronan province north of the

capital. Police said two people

That raised the overall

casualty toll from more than six

weeks of fighting between the

Christian rivals to at least 758

Aoun and the Lebanese Force

chieftain Samir Geagea battled

for control of the 310-square-

mile (800 sq km) Christian

A ecasefire negotiated by

PLO news agency Wafa reported. (AP)

Nathan meets Arafat: Israeli peace activist Abic

Nathan met with Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafat Friday, again defying Israel's law banning its citizens from contact with the organisation, the

Arab informer killed: Palestinian militants in the

West Bank city of Nablus shot dead an Arab man Mazen Al Bishawi they suspected of helping Israeli security for-ces, military sources and residents said on Saturday.

Stiff Iran stance: Iran would remain hostile towards Britain even if the British authorities surrendered author Salman Rushdie to Muslims to be killed for blas-phemy, an Iranian newspaper said on Saturday. (Reuter)

Businessman appeals conviction: A business-

man Yuwhan Yum imprisoned for conspiring to send deadly nerve gas to Iran asked a federal appeals court

Friday to overturn his conviction, arguing he was illegally entrapped in an "outrageous" case.

Yun also appealed his 30-month sentence. (AP)

Muslim Brotherhood call: The Muslim Fun-

damentalists who hold the largest bloc in parliament on Friday urged Arab countries to drop the current peaceful

efforts to end the Arab-Israeli dispute and instead take np military action against Israel (AP)

Iran accuses Iraqis: An Iranian newspaper accused iraqi agents of assassinating senior Turkish journalist Cetin Emec last week, a report from Tehran said

The Tehran newspaper Kayhan, in a brief report, said fraqi intelligence agents shot and killed Emec, a columnist in the Istanbul newspaper Hurriyet. (UPI)

Irani team in Pakistan: An Irani delegation led

by Transport and Communications Minister Mohammad

The fighting crupted Jan 30 as

killed and 2,109 wounded.

north of Beirut.

were wounded.

form a new coalition.

Foreign Minister Mose Arens and Deputy Prime Minister David Levy were candidates to succeed Shamir, the radio said.
Two lesser-known Likud mem-

bers of Parliament, Reaven Rivlin and Eliyahu Ben-Elissar, were prodding Shamir to resign as bead of the party after his break with the dovish Labour Party over proposed peace talks with Palestinians, the radio said.

Shamir's best-known rival, former general Ariel Sharon, resig-ned his ministerial post last month and said he would seek the Likud leadership but has not publicly called for Shamir's resignation since the government lost a confidence vote in Parliament on Thursday. Members of Agudat Israel, one

of the small religious parties that can tip the balance in Israel's search for a new coalition, say they will not back Liked as long as shamir leads it because he does not honour promises.

an impression on me," Shamir told Israel radio. "The one who will determine the leadership of the Likud is the Likud itself."

Shamir has been blamed for los-

The no confidence measure came after Shamir fired Labour

expected at tonight's Liked meet-ing, but the focus of discussion would be ways of persuading President Chaim Herzog to assign



neutral Christian mediators March 3 has silenced the big ment was divided today over a guns. But there have heen million) to a London-based com-pany. Thomas de la Rue, for repreated elashes and no progress toward working out a printing I million Lebanese pass settlement between Aoun and Geagea.

Geagea has recognized Hirawi as head of state while Aoun has rejected his election Nov 24. He has thwarted Hirawi's peace efforts by rejecting the Arab League plan because it does not guarantee that Syria's 40,000 troops in Lebanon will with-

Aoun, Geagea, Hirawi, Khazen and Nam are Maronite Catholics, the main Christian sect which has dominated the government, judiciary and army since independence from France in 1943.

Khazen Thursday sent a police squad to arrest Naim, 71. But guards at the Central Bank in the Muslim west Being prevented them from seizing Nam.

The attempt led to a nationwide bank strike and paralyzed foreign exchange dealings.

The Central Bank will maintain its open-ended strike until "the instigators are brought to trial," a statement by the 700 employees said. Private banks were scheduled to reopen Mon-:

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fields (Kuna)

Naim's office said the Central

a Swedish firm to print the passports for half the price. Naim said in a statement he will sue Khazen. Prime Minister Salim Hoss; a Sunni Muslim and former Cea-

tral Bank official, asked Hirawi to demand Khazen's resigna-tion as soon as possible, a Hoss aide said. The aide, speaking on condition of anonymity, quoted Hoss as telling Hirawi by telephone. Only you can solve this problem You are Maronite and

Bank had received an offer from

the interior nimister is a Mayonite, too. Demand his resignation and appoint another Maronite to replace him."

But at least three of Hirawi's ministers said Khazen should remain in office.

They are Water Resources-Minister Nabili Berri, a Sinte Muslim, Public Works Minister Walid Jumblatt, a Druze Muslim and Information Minister Edmond Rizk, a Maronite.

Hamza Al Zubaidi began talks in Islamabad today with

Pakistan Minister for Communications Makidum Amin Fahim for forging close collaboration between the two countries in communication and telecommunication

Mubarak to visit Zambia: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak begins an official visit to Zambia Sunday to chair the fourth session of the African leaders committee

which will open on Monday

Radio Carro said today that Mubarak will deliver a

speech during the committee's inaugural session tackling. Egypt's stance toward the African issues and a call for amalgamating efforts in face of political and economic crises plaguing the continent. (Kuna)

Sudan-Libya talks: A delegation of the Libyan revolutionary committees arrived in Khartoum Friday night for a week of meetings with the Sudanese officials and people's committees. (Kuna)

Turkey-Kurds clashes: Four separatist Kurdish rebels and a Turkish soldier were killed in a clash in southeastern Turkey on Friday, officials said. (Reuter)

Badran leaves for North Yemen: jordanian

Prime Minister Mudar Badran left for North Yemen on Saturday for two days of talks on economic co-operation.

Ethiopian relief plan: Church relief agencies are preparing to send their first food convoy across battle lines to the rebel-held Ethiopian province of Tigray, where civil war threatens to cut off drought victims from aid. (Reuter)

Bush statement 'a blunder: Senate Denne

the official news agency Petra said. (Reuter)



Presidant Bush and his wife Barbara talk with Peggy and David Say concerning Terry Anderson and

other hostages held in Lebanon. Say is Anderson's sister. (Reuter wirephoto)

Talks on to free ICRC men

BE RUT, March 17, (UPI): Negotiations were currently underway between a Swiss delegation and the captors of the Swiss workers of the International Committee of the Red Cross to secure their release, the leading Lebanese magazine Ash Shiraa said today.

Ash Shiraa, which has good contacts among Islamic fundamentalists and the magazine that first broke out the story of the US-Iran Contra arms-for-hostages scandal, said the three-man delegation arrived lately in the southern port city of Sidon and started negotiations to release Elio Erriquez and Emmanuel Chris-

Erriquez, 23, and Christen, 32, were kidnapped near the refugee camp of Ein El Helweh on the outskirts of Sidon, 24 miles (38 km) south of Beirul. There is no claim of responsibility for the abduction but the camp is controlled by various rebel factions loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation chairman Yasser Arafai and radical groups supported by Syria, Libya and Iran.

The magazine quoted security sources in Sidon as saying that while the Swiss

delegation, made up of two military and a civilian, was efforting to free Elio and Christen, an unidentified Lebanese negotiator went to Switzerland seeking the release of Lebanese plane hijacker Hussein Hariri imprisoned in Geneva. Hariri was sentenced last year to life imprisonment for hijacking an air Afrique jetliner, forcing it to land at Geneva, and killing a French male

assenger. Ash Shiraa said no details were yet available regarding negotiations in both Lebanon and Switzerland.

leader George Mitchell said on Friday President George Bush bad committed a heavy-handed blunder in condemning Israeli settlements in occupied east Jerusalem. (Renter) Anderson remembered with tears, hope on fifth anniversary in captivity

WASHINGTON, March 17, (Agencies): Journalist Terry Anderson was remem-bered yesterday with tears and hope in his hometown, the capital and the city where

he was abducted five years ago.

Anderson 42, chief Mid East correspondent for the Associated Press, was seized on March 16, 1985, in Beirut, Lebanon. A 24-hour fast begun by about 180 peo-

ple Thursday night was broken last night at a service in his bometown of Batavia, New York. "I hereby commit myself to one day of prayer and fasting for Terry's release and the release of all innocent human beings held hostage anywhere in the world," read

pledges signed by the fasters.
They included Penny Anderson, Terry's sister-in-law, and Carl Anderson, a cousin, two of the few relatives still living in Batavia, a town of 17,000 in New York's

dairy country. Also fasting was Anne Zickl, who has never met Anderson but has become a leader of local efforts to win his release.

"Terry is dying a slow death in Lebanon," Stephen Hawley, a Genesee country legislator and high school class-mate of Anderson's, said at the service.
"The time has come for all governments

who have any influence over the captors to heed our pleas and our prayers. Release Terry Anderson. Release all the hostages now," Hawley said.

Other ceremonies were beld yesterday in Lorain, Ohio, Anderson's birthplace. In Washington, President George Bush deplored that "merciless imprisonment" of US hostages but offered no hope for a speedy end to their ordeal.

Bush promised Anderson's sister, Peggy Say, who has devoted the five years to hringing the journalist's capitivity to the world's attention, that he would "take advantage of all legitimate opportunities". to free the captives.

After meeting with Bush, Mrs. Say attended a ceremony at a park across the street from the White House, listening to prayers and songs on a warm, sunny day that contrasted with speakers' descriptions of dungeon-like conditions Anderson has endured. Some listened with tears, some wore yellow ribbons.

"You are not forgotten, Terry," said the Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco, who had been hald not have the said that the said the said the said that the said the said the said that the said t

been held with Anderson in a hleak. windowless room in Beirut before being released in the summer of 1986. Jenco also recited the 23rd psalm and said it was the prayer that Anderson had recited when the two of them were moved and denied a prayer book.

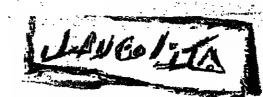
"At this point the greatest gift we can give him is to press on, to not falter, to find an honourable way to get the job done. If you know Terry, that's what he's thinking. too, said Louis D. Boccardi, president and general manager of the Associated

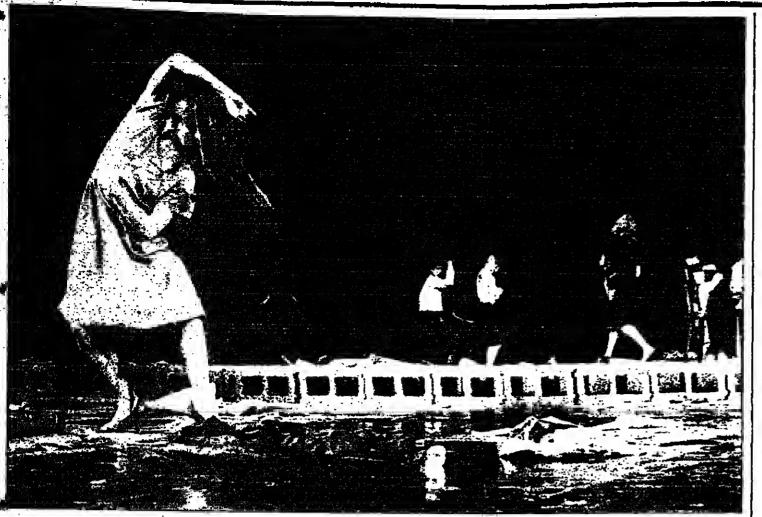
In New York, Anderson's friends and colleagues attended a mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral. In Tokyo, the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan honoured Anderson, who was assigned to the AP Tokyo bureau from 1977 to 1981.

In Beirut, local television stations planned to show a videotape of Anderson's 4-year-old daughter, Sulome, whom he has never seen. In the tape, the child shows off her ballet dancing and delivers a message for her father. "I love you, daddy, come home. Please come home."



Erie Anderson, 13, cousir l'of American hostage Terry Anderson, holds up a pieture of Terry during a holds up a picture of Terry quaring a ceremony honouring the hostages in Lafayetta Parkacross from the White House, (Reuter wirephoto)





Pina Bausch's latest production is called 'Palermo Stuck.' After a break of three years, the choreographer from Wuppertal once more offers a sample of her versatility. The ballet, a co-production with the Sicilian Teatro Biondo, is a fragment. Above: a scene from the ballet. (INP/Gert Weigelt)

Rembrandt's landscape perfection

By Kathleen Silvassy

WASHINGTON, (UPI): In the new republic of Holland in the 17th century, artists found their inspiration in the commonplace and no one seemed more inspired by its landscape than Remhrandt.

Regarded as one of the greatest artists of all time, Remhrandt was known primarily as a figure painter. His drawings and prints, however, were the best in capturing the spirit of the Dutch countryside and the city of Amsterdam.

The first major exhibition of this work. 'Rembrandt's landscapes: Drawings and Prints," at the National Gallery of Art (until Mar 20) contains 99 works, including more than 50 drawings and all 26 of his landscape

Three of the drawings are on loan from the National Institute of the Polish Academy of Science and have never been seen before in the United States.

The landscape of Holland of the 17th century was coming into its own as an independent subject for painting," said guest curator Cynthia Schmeuder. "Dutch artists worked primarily for private markets rather than church or state (commissions).

Pride shows in the landscapes. Rembrandt's works on paper endure as archetypes and speak as strongly today as they did then. He laid the foundation for our own appreciation of the natural world."

The exhibition is organised thematically into five sections "to show depth and hreadth and it shows a distinct approach to landscape

"Farmhouses and cottages," traces the evolution of the artist's most common theme. from detailed depictions of individual huildings to broader images of the environment evoking the effects of light and weather.

"You don't have to be an artist to appreciate this," said Schneider. "There is an economy and a convincing portrayal of weather and atmosphere, an economy of saying so much with so little.

'(Rembrandt's) ability was to use hlank as an active component of composition. He left the sky blank but you have this incredibly vivid idea of what kind of day it was."

The drawings, some of them as tiny as 3 inches hy 4 inches (7.6 by 10 cm), focus of landscape's most fundamental aspects: views of houses, barns, fields, rivers and roads; people working in the fields or on the water, cloudy, sunny or stormy weather.

Remhrandt did not have to venture far to find a view or scene to reproduce - the views from his home served him quite well - hut in the 1640s and 1650s he would find his subjects while walking through the countryside or the

Accompanying the exhibition are two maps that show the approximate locations of the areas Rembrandt visited and sketched.

We haven't been able to identify (sites) exactly," said archivist Boudewijn Bakker, with the municipal archives in Amsterdam. 'But we can follow him around in a general way on his walks with these maps."

Works in the "imaginary landscapes" section show how Rembrandt expanded his

vision of nature by placing common subjects of imaginary settings, such as adding foreign

scenery or ancient huildings. This section also shows Remhrandt as a student — absorbing the work of other artists by copying them. On display is an original 15th century drawing by Titian, "Mountainous landscape with a riderless horse emerging

from a lake," and right next to it, Rembrandt's work of the same subject. The third section, "architecture and town views," shows Remhrandt freely altering his subjects to suit his own preference for the

historic over the contemporary. Remhrandt was not always faithful to what he saw," said Schneider. "Sometimes he drew (a subject) as he preferred to see it."

Along the Amstel and II Rivers," makes up the fourth section of more expansive views around Amsterdam taken from along the water's edge, and the final section, 'Panoramas.' contain his more transcendent images of the land.

"The final section is perhaps the most dramatic," said Schneider, in that it depicts a range "from the most dramatic and elaborate print to the most sparsely economic draw-

Andrew Robison, senior curator at the National Gallery, said there is also an instructional side to Remhrandt's drawings.

There seems to be a "hierarchy of subject matters," in art, he said. "Painting is the most important, architecture is next ... and so on.

likewise, he said there seems to be a hierarchy within painting, and landscape art usually

New Star Trek series

An alien time bomb waiting to explode

horrified... 85 years on, their worst enemy has boarded a starship Euterprise. There on the flight deck — larger than life — is a Klingon.

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And, as a new generation of Star Trekkers boldly goes where Kurk, Spok and Co, once went, that Klingon has actually joined the crew. Not that the Trekkers feel exactly comfortable when glowering Licuteaant (junior grade)
Worf is around the sophisticated New Enterprise.
Towering, black actor Michael Dorn, one of the stars of

the new series Star Trek: The Next Generation, told me: "I play the lientenant as though be is a time-bomb waiting to

In the series, to be shown on the BBC next September, 6ft. Zins: Michael hlastsoffinto space with a couple of Brits and an android called Data.

-offerships the New Enterpose with sufur, 30 year-old. Maring Sirtis, who plays half-then Deanna Troi. And Captain Kurk's "replacement" is Captain Jean Luc Picard — actor Patrick Stewart. Also aboard the sophisticated new craft is a crew of no less than 12,000. As the new series soars into the US ratings, gathering awards, the scriptwriters have consigned the old Enterpr-

ise and its ageing stars to some celestial scrapyard.

Michael, a veteran, of the police series Chips, said. "Our spaceship is still called after the Enterprise, but none of the old crew are in it. They have gone up into Movie Heaven.
"We allude to the old Enterprise once, and that's it.
There is only one link with the past. One of the original Scar

Trek cast, Dr. McCoy, appeared in our pilot episode. He was about 127 years old and pretty crotchety. He was an admiral who could just about walk around. It was a wonderul scene."

And Marina, who appeared in TV's Minder, explained:
"We're living in the 24th Century. Our spacecraft is much bigger and more sophisticated than the old one. For example, there is a saucer section which flies away from the craft's battle bridge.
"I am half alien, like Mr. Spock used to be 85 years ago.

But that is the only similarity. I wear huge, black contact lenses that make my eyes look like Bambi's And I'm a member of a royal, outer space family."

How did meanie-about-the-spaceship Worf manage to join the Star Trekkers, the Klingons' old enemy? Michael explained. "Worf was found on a destroyed outpost when

he was eight years old. His parents had been killed. So he was raised hy Star Trek officers.
"Worf knows that the Klingons are old enemies of his

new associates. So it is an uneasy alliance. Wolf has flashes of being out of control. But he wouldn't do anything to endanger the ship. And he would fight to the death for his captain and crew."

Nightmares

Michael, whose features when he leaves the make-up department would give Kirk nightmares, went on: "Worf

is impersonal, serious and aggressive.

Whereas Spock had a dry sense of humour. Worf doesn't have one at all. He dosn't believe in laughing and joking. Worf is essentially annoyed by humans and their "He doesn't think much of the Enterprise crew. You

realise what a tough customer he is when the closest thing he has to a greeting is, "What do you want?". Worf is

basically a warrior.

Michael, a bachelor who lives modestly in the Los
Angeles suhurh of Burbank, landed the plum role of Worf by turning himself into Klingon for the auditions. He told me: "I was the meanest I've ever been, I walked on to the studio lot with the attitude that I didn't like anybody. "Normally, at these interviews, you see everybody you

know. You laugh, joke, exchange gossip and are nice to the producer. But this time I acted as though I didn't like my friends, who were waiting there. I didn't like the producer.



Michael Dorn plays the glowering Klingon Lt. Worl in the TV series Star Trek: The Next Generation

I didn't even like the secretaries When I went into the producer, I knew that he was

looking for someone big and intimidating. So I just read my scenes, said, "Thank you very much for this opportun-ity. Goodbye," and walked out."

Michael, chuckled and wnet on: "I played the whole thing as a Klingon...eloquent, intelligent and intense. Later, so they told me, the guys at the audition looked at one another and asked whether I was nuts. They couldn't work out whether I was serious or not.

"I don't think they knew exactly what they wanted until they saw me. And I played it that way because I had nothing to lose. Anyway, they agreed that I was really mean. And different. So I got the part. My strategy had

Drawbacks ·

So Michael won his seat on the New Enterprise as third in command. As they go adventuring way out in space, be

is in charge of "environment and propulsion science."

But playing a Klingon has its drawbacks...especially if you like to get up at a reasonable hour in the mornings. For has to rise at 3 a

intime for a two-hour make-up ordeal.

He said: "At least there is no traffic at that time in the morning, and it takes only eight minutes to get to work. I don't complain about the early rising. It's part of the husiness of being an actor. They need all that time to turn me into a fantasy.

"The first thing the make-up people do is to glue on a latex cap, which comes down over my eyebrows. Then they glue on a new hridge to my nose. After that, they have to match up the colour of my face to that of the bits they've

'I change chairs, and a hairdresser glues on a wig and combs the hair. Then I go to a third chair, here this guy puts on a Fu Manchu moustache and goatee beard. I end up looking really intimidating. Normally, it takes only 45

minutes to an hour to be nade up for a part."

Like all the other members of the new generation, Lieutenant Worf is very different from Captain Kirk and the old hugety successful crew. And they wondered how Star Trek's obsessional fans. The Trekkies would receive them. Soon after the show launched, the cast were thrown in at the deep end, hy having to attend a series of Trekkie

These cult fans knew every detail of every one of the old Star Trek shows and even dressed up as members of the Enterprise's crew. They questioned the new cast minutely

Michael Iold ame: "After a tor of lentativeness, the Trekkies accepted us well. They really are purists but, after seeing the old show hundreds of times, they wanted some-

seeing the old show hundreds of times, they wanted something new. They were hungry for us.

"Now the fans eat us up. I've come to enjoy these encounters. But I still find it a littlestrange to comeface-to-face with grown men wearing replicas of Worf's uniform. I don't think I'd see people in three-piece suits, clutching leather briefcases at an L.A. Law convention."

Dark-haired Marina, who comes from Tottenham,

North London, added: "I think a lot of the fans didn't wan! a new Star Trek because they were scared we would do something sacriligeous with it. Sort of defile the memory of

"But, after our first show had gone out, a fan told me, We really didn't want to like your show, but we can't help

Although Michael is careful with his new-found wealth, because he knows only too well how fickle show-business success can be, he has indulged himself in one big luxury. The actor, an expert pilot, has bought himself an aero-plane. He said modestly: "It was an older type and not very



Michael in his daunting Klingon makeup.



Michael (larteft) and Marina Sirtis (Iront) are beamed down to an alien planet.

Environment protection in Taiwan

Temple task force fights pollution

TAIPEI, (Reuter): A mania for gambling has given rise to a new cottage industry in Taiwan's cities — special temples in private apartments where Taoist priests divulge

divine tips to anxious punters. Flocks of stock-market investors, property speculators and gamblers crowd into the temples every day, paying hefty fees to offer up their prayers and ask advice of the gods.

But the temples have raised some earthly hackles in Tiwan, one of Asia's most prosperous states, a speculator's paradise where chasing wealth is the national sport.

In the capital, Taipei, complaints are pouring into the city government from angry neighbours who say clouds of incense and round-the-clock chanting are driving them

These temples are part of our tradinonal religion hut they are not acceptable in the city," said Lin Hong-Sen, a member of a new government addressing complaints about the temples. "People must adapt to their new environment.

He said his sister was shocked to discover the value of her apartment had plunged after a downstairs neighbour opened a private tem-

ple.
"The apartment is full of smoke every day.

Who will want to huy it? Lin said.

The government logged 66 formal complaints about private temples last year and estimates more than 1,200 are now open for business in the city.

Taipei's response has been to send hardeved agents from the new government body to prowl the capital's raucous streets.

They belong to the "temple task force" set up the city's environmental protection office. Armed with electronic decibel countries and stacks of public complaints, they are after temples violating pollution laws with their

noise and smoke. "I am not a superstitious man, which is good in this joh," said Lin. "But you try to be nice about it it isn't good to challenge

people's religion." Lin and his team hit the streets in February to begin what the city government has dubbed "Project Oriole Phase III". Their mission: to survey temples, then feed information into a computer to keep to track of their pollution records.

Bad records will brings fines and possible closure.

The project's first target is religious noise pollution, banging of gongs, chanting prayers and playing tape-recorded mantras at high

But officials plan soon to expand the dragnet to include other forms of pollution, including incense smoke, firecrackers and

improperly disposed of altar offerings. On a recent tour of his beat, Lin pointed out some types of temples neighbour find most

"The Buddhists are usually very sedate. It is the Taoists who really love noise," he said, adding that he had also had to investigate one case of noisy choir practice at a Christian

At a large temple built onto an apartment building, two gutted pigs lay stretched in front of the doorway, offerings for the birthday of a local god. Music blared through loudspeakers and worshippers made small bows to an

urn full of smoking incense.
"Special occasions like this are all right.
Most neighbours won't complain," Lin said, hut he warned two elderly ladies sitting on the stoop not to increase the volume of the chants coming over the loudspeakers.

At another one-room temple in a north Taipei apartment, a Taoist priest dressed in robes and a small, crown-like headdress exclaimed his prayers over the roar of motorcycle traffic on the street outside.

CHRONIC LUNG DISEASE CAN BE EASED, **BUT NOT CURED**

QUESTION: My breathing difficulty has been diagnosed by my physician as COPD. Now I need more information from you. Could you please tell me what my condition is and how is it treated? Answer: COPD stands for chronic obstructive pul-

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

monary disease and many diseases can cause it. Essentially, it's difficulty in breathing and shortness of breath due to limited air flow through the lungs. Chronic bronchitis or chronic emphysema can contribute to COPD, as can other diseases like cystic fibrosis. Some COPD patients also suffer from asthma.

The most common contributor to COPD is smoking, which is the leading cause of chronic hronchitis and emphysema. Because of smoking, COPD is a significant health problem in the United States and the number of cases will only increase as more people who have spent a lifetime smoking grow older. Exposure to air pollution is another risk factor in developing COPD, as is severe bron-

In most COPD patients, the airways of their lungs have either become permanently narrowed or

the tissue has lost its elasticity and is like a balloon that is stretched out of shape. COPD usually develops slowly, over the course of years. Many patients show the symptoms for years before finally seeing a physician because of increasing shortness

There is no cure for COPD, and all treatments include eliminating factors or situations that exacerbase the problem. If you still smoke, the most important thing to do is to stop smoking. This will slow the progression of the disease, but your condition will not reverse. Other steps to take are to eliminate dust, animal hair, and other irritants from your home environment

There are several types of drugs that can be used to treat COPD. These will alleviate symptoms, and work to reduce potentially serious complications. Brouchodilators are commonly used to treat COPD, since these open the air passages and make hreathing easier. Corticosteroids are used to reduce inflammation, and antibiotics may be necessary to clear infections away. It is also important to keep to a minimum the secretions in the bronchial tubes (air passages) and both sufficient fluid intake and medications may be helpful.

You must be careful to try to avoid catching colds or respiratory infections, because your lungs are already weakened. I hope you had your flu shot this eason as you're just the person who can profit from this type of disease prevention.

Across my desk: While most people are aware that the presence of saturated fatty acids in meats may lead to higher levels of cholesterol in the blood. few realize that these same type of fats may be present in vegetable products as well. While almost 70 per cent of all saturated fatty acids in the diet come from animal products, the high levels contained in tropical plant oils such as coconut and palm can also provide substantial amounts. These oils are used in producing coffee creamers, cake mixes, some hreakfast cereals and some snack foods as well. Your best protection against consuming too much of these products is careful label reading and knowing their content in your prepared foods.

'Proper' book to spell names

By Joe Fasbinder

LOS ANGELES, (UPI): Your dictionary is no smarter than mine. Whether it resides on a shelf or in a computer, chances are it can't tell Calphalon cookware from the Treaty of Cam-

Proper names are one of the rare thing that most computers just don't address. Most aren't in the dictionary either, so you have to turn elsewhere for the correct spelling of a Dickens character or

a designer shirt manufacturer. It can be maddening if you don't have "Oliver Twist" or something by Yves Saint-Laurent hanging in your closet when you have to spell those

names correctly in a letter.

The "Proper Noun Speller" (Quickref Puhlishing, 240 pp., \$11.95 PB) with its 15,000 entries is designed to alleviate the frustration that given water that the property of the p tration that given names endan-

It's the first book from this publisher, and had in initial press run of 5,000 copies, all of which were just about gone after three weeks in print.

"We're expecting to get a com-puter version out by summer," said Dianeows, because she and Diana Gregory wrote one of the books that bears Keene's name,

Over the Edge. It was that book which eventually gave birth to the Proper Noun Speller — all because the authors wanted to have character Nancy Drew eat some Scandinavian-sounding ice

стеат. "We couldn't spell the brand name," O'Keese said. Refusing to settle for plain ice

cream, Gregory was dispatched to a local supermarket. She fumed all the way home. Thus was born an idea for a book that has a few notable

limitations. It works just fine if your car is a Lexus, but not so well if you want to spell the name of the Lexis Computer Datahase Service. The Proper Noun Speller will tell you that it's the book of Mormon, and the next entry in the series looks like this: Mormons, or Latter Day Saints.

That's almost correct. The organisation is the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints with a lower-case "d" in day. They are Latter Day Saints,

individually.

Even if the Proper Noun Speller doesn't know every Hollywood star or starlet, it can help you if you need Ayatollah Ali Khamenei or the Okesenokee swamp. Hercule Poirot, the Peloponnesian war and Walla Walla. Wash., do not escape the gaze of the non-existent Jean Emerich. With this book, you can correctly also differentiate between the spelling of the last name of the vice-president of the United States and the bird with a similar name.

The Proper Noun Speller lists hrand names, names from politics and popular culture, fictional characters and sports figures. Interior design terms are spelled out, as are architectural names and character names from mythology and those from a wide range of other subjects.

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Thought for today

CUSTOMS may not be as wise as laws, but they are always more popular — Benjamin Disraeli, English statesman (1804-1881).

Peace talks stalled Defeat reflects social divisions



OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, (Reuter): The defeat of Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's government reflects an Israeli society deeply divided

over everything from peace with Palestinians to how to define a Jew. Defenders of the 74-year-old former Mossad agent said he tried to hridge the extremes of right and left. Detractors said he tried to ignore

them by not taking any decisions.
"Shamir tried to form a national consensus," the Jerusalem Post wrote in an editorial supporting him following Thursday's parliamentary vote. "But the pull of political polarisation made him enemies everywhere."

Coalition

Forming a viable government that can take decisive action will not be easy - whether a narrow coalition led by Shamir's Likud Party or Shimon Peres' Labour Party or a broad one searching for a common

The decisive split came over attitudes toward Israel-Palestinian talks between Labour and Likud, the two main parties in the coalition that collapsed after 15 months.

Labour demanded Israel accept a US proposal for talks in Cairo aimed at advancing a peace plan first presented by Shamir 10 months ago. Shamir, after months of delay, finally refused.

Shamir cited two reasons, long-debated points that Labour was willing to ignore to start a process that might end the 27-month-long Palestinian revolt in the occupied territories.

Shamir insisted on excluding the 150,000 Palestinians of east Jerusalem from any role in negotiations to determine the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Guarantee

He also wanted a guarantee Israel would break off the Cairo talks if the Palestinian delegation even consulted the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

Some in Lahour believe talking to the PLO is necessary to ever reach peace, while some Likud members oppose talks with Palestinians because they could lead to loss of the occupied territories.

"A narrow government with confidence is preferrable to a government (now) dishanded over disagreements between camps going in different directions," said the independent Maariv daily.

Even a narrow government will not be easy to assemble. Likud holds 40 seats in the Parliament and Labour has 39. The remaining 41 seats in the Knesset are split between 14 parties with opinions across the

political spectrum. The three members of the Democratic Front for Peace and Equality are Arabs who advocate recognition of the PLO and establishment of a Palestinian state beside Israel.

The two members of the Moledet Party, both Jews, want to see the entire 1.75 millioo Palestiniaos of the occupied territories leave for other countries.

The positions of some parties are so firm that the dovish Labour or the hardline Likud can assume their support. That leaves those with less-fixed views on Palestinians holding the halance of power. But they have a host of other demands that can make them uncom-

fortable partners in government. Religious parties particularly have made or broken governments through the years - including the latest one.

The five members of Agudat Israel voted against Shamir on Thurs-

day not over peace talks, hut because he reneged on a promise to support them in the "who is a Jew?" controversy. Agudat Israel's definition would exclude many members of the

American Jewish community, the world's largest. It is one of the few issues that can mobilise US Jewish pressure on the Israeli government. "Consensus may not be inspiring," said the Jerusalem Post, a supporter of the old government. "But a grey consensus is better than a

colourful society torn at the seams." However, Israel seems doomed to choose between a narrow coalition that cannot speak for enough people and a broad government of Labour and Likud paralysed by internal differences.

TODAY IN HISTORY

1813 — Hamhurg, Germany, is occupied by Russians following patriotic outhreak in city against French. 1848 - Revolution hreaks out in Milan against Austrian rule.

and Joseph Radetzky's forces abandon city.

1903 — Freoch religious orders are dissolved.

1913 — Greece's Kiog George I is assassinated in Salonika.

1922 — Mahatma Gandhi is seotenced to six years io prison io

India for civil disobedience.

1962 — Ceasefire in Algerian war is signed by French and Algerian rebel delegations in Evian-les-Baioe, France.

1965 — Egypt's exiled King Farout dies in Rome; Soviet Air Force officer becomes first man to leave an orbiting spacecraft

and float in space. 1967 — Soviet Unioo expels two Chinese diplomats from

Moscow, charging them with anti-Soviet activity. 1969 — United States and Soviet Union propose international treaty to han nuclear weapons from ocean floor. 1970 — Cambodia's Prince Norodom Sihanouk is deposed as

chief of state while he is on visit to Moscow. 1988 — Hundreds of Palestinian refugees clash with Israeli

soldiers after Muslim prayers in Gaza Strip. 1989 - Israeli soldiers shoot and kill three Palestinians in clashes with protesters in occupied Gaza Strip.

Summary executions in occupied areas

Collaborators shown no mercy

BEIT FURIK, Occupied West Bank, (AP): Standing beside a pile of bloodied rocks, the young men told how hundreds of villagers, even children, chased and stoned to death a fellow Palestinian who confessed to being an informer for Israel.

In Beit Furik, they said, there was no mercy for

Several days before the stoning death last month, a village crowd clapped and cheered as a Palestine a village crowd clapped and cheered as a ratestate Liberation Organisation activist with an axe split open the head of another supposed informer. Both alleged informers had made confessions over the loudspeakers of the village mosque after

armed militants abducted them and beat them severely during an extended interrogation, villagers

"Anybody who is co-operating with the Israelis, his head should be crushed," said Aysha Moussa Yousef, 52, whose activits son Mohammed Odeh, 32, was arrested in the village clinic last month after collaborators tipped off troops about his whereabouts.

Beit Furik's public "executions" are an unusually harsh example of the retribution handed out with increasing frequency to suspected informers despite an order from PLO chief Yasser Arafat to stop

unauthorised killings.

An estimated 193 Palestinians have been killed and hundreds of others injured by fellow Arabs during the 27-month Palestinian uprising. In most cases, the victims are accused of collaboration.

Israeli legislator Yossi Sarid of the liberal Citizens Rights Movement cited the slayings as one reason

the uprising no longer attracts as much sympathetic attention ahroad as it once did. "Enlightened people reach the conclusion that if this is what they (the Palestinians) do to themselves,

then what does it matter any more what others do to them." Sarid wrote in the liberal Haaretz daily. In Beit Furik, a mountain farming village of about 4,000 people near the West Bank city of Nablus, residents said they had reasons for their anger. Six of the village's young men have died in

A village PLO activist, who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of arrest, said local leaders were justified in ignoring the plea for restraint from Arafat, known as Abu Ammar.

battles with Israeli troops.

"Ahu Ammar doesn't live with us here. He doesn't know what we are going through. If he was here, I believe he would be the first one to kill collaborators," said the activist, speaking in a ransacked clinic where soldiers trapped Odeh and

another activist on an informer's tip.
Sari Nusseibeh, a leading pro-PLO activist in occupied Jerusalem said the number of slayings would have been higher if Arafat had not issued his

"I personally deplore all killings, and they cannot be justified morally," Nusseibeh said. "But the Palestinians are faced with the daily reality of having terrorists in their midst. It's very difficult for them to have the kind of sentiments we expect. Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said PLO

militants had to use force to overcome the population's exhaustion with strikes and protests. To ensure compliance, he said, "they have to create an atmosphere of terror." Palestinians say there are more killings because there are more collaborators. They say Israel's Shin

Bet secret service is attempting to restore a network of informers shattered when many collaborators recanted during the early months of the uprising. This network is now being rebuilt by the military

and the Shin Bet who are arming those who did not recant and enlisting new recruits among the populaon." the Palestinian human rights group Al Haq wrote in its 1989 report on the occupied lands. Al Hag said some Palestinians, armed by Israel

act with Shin Bet agents in arresting and interrogating uprising activists. The Shin Bet often recruited collaborators

through blackmail, Al Haq said. Some were promised hard-to-get resident permits for close relatives or granted immunity from prosecution from drug or other criminal charges, the report said.

A senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Palestinians who worked with the Israeli authorities did so voluntarily and acted within the law even when given weapons for self-

He said up to 90 per cent of those alleged to be informers had no ties to Israel and were killed by Palestinians settling personal scores.

The US State Department's latest human rights report said many victims worked for Israeli authorities although some were indeed slain in vendettas unconnected to the uprising.



CONTRAS LEAVING HONDURAS

Old scar ripped open

WASHINGTON, (UPI) — With an offhand remark about occupied Jerusalem, President George Bush ripped open an old scar last week at precisely the wrong time for US diplomacy in the Middle East. Bush said the United States

opposes Jewish civilian settlements in the territories occupied by Israel since 1967, in line with US policy as it has been articulated for 23 years.

He also said that east Jerusalem was part of the conquered territory. It is a correct statement, hut one that has been glossed over hy a succession of saministrations even though Israel formally annexed the eastern half of the city. The United States arioo as legal.

Beyond Where Bush weot beyond past US policy statements was to link the occupied West Bank with east

Jerusalem as occupied territory, upsetting the Israeli government because of the implication that Jews
—including recent arrivals from the Soviet Union - might not have the

right to settle in the holy city.

That Israeli reaction, in turn, triggered renewed Arah outrage, including a call hy Syrian President Hafez Assad "For a holy war against Israel until doomsday" for seeking to use the new exodus of Soviet Jews to displace Palestinians. displace Palestinians.

In Washington, the representative of the Arab League, Clovis Mak-soud, said Israel's interest in Soviet Jewish immigration to east Jerusalem and the occupied territories is not based on respect for human rights hui "in reality is deliberately designed as a futher step in the fulfilment of the Zionist

Bush, in his statement, walked into a minefield that is about 4,000 years

Jerusalem - as a symbol, as a city. as a holy place for Christianity. Judaism and Islam - has been pushed carefully into the back-ground by US diplomats for the past vears because it is an emotiona issue that can be dealt with only as the final chapter of any Middle East peace agreement.

When Israel annexed the 9,300 acres(3,700 ha) of Jerusalem in 1967. it almost immediately expand the city limits to about 26,000 acres (10,400 ha), including some of the hills around the Old Walled City. The lines were drawn to include a maximum Jewish population.

The Arah oote that Jerusalem, as defined by Israel, oow includes about 35 per cent of what used to be called the West Bank. They say the Israelis are really using Jerusalem 10 absorb much of the surrounding hillsides by arhitrarily defining them as part of

give his name

the holy city.

By expanding Jerusalem, the Israeli anthorities also made the settlement of new immigrants an emotional, religious issue for world Jewry. The city, the site of an ancient temple that the Romans destroyed in 70 AD, serves as a symbol of Judaism. All that's left of the temple is the Wailing Wall.

For Christians, the same deep feeling is recalled in the life and crucifixion of Jesus, who died on a skull-shaped hill just inside the Old Walls. And for the Muslims, who call the city Al-Quds, it is the sacred site of the Dome of the Rock, which stands where Prophet Mohammed (PBUH)

ascended to heaven. Bush's careless injection of this explosive religious issue came at a time when Israel was considering a plan hy Secretary of State James Baker to start an Israeli-Palestinian dialogue on the tortuous road toward a peace agreement.

The conservative factions in the Israeli government had been suspicious from the beginning of the Bakerplan, seeing it as a form of slow suicide rather than the first step toward peace.

The clumsy raising of the emotional issue of occupied Jerusalem at this critical moment by Bush had reinforced those Israeli

"According to Islam, the collaborator who delivers a Muslim into the hands of the Jews should be killed," said the bearded preacher, who refused to

Gorby gets more powers

MOSCOW, (Reuter): Which president enjoys the most power — Mikhail Gorbachev of the Soviet Union, George Bush of the United States or Francois Mitterrand of France? On paper at least, the answer appears to be

Gorbachev, who can rule by decree unfettered by any parliamentary restraints.

He can veto laws passed by Parliament, declare war if the country is attacked, call a national referen-

dum, and order a state of emergency in any area, with the consent of the republic concerned. Power

But his most sweeping power says he can "issue decrees which are binding on the whole territory of There are no conditions attached other than the

vague stipulation that this power should be used to implement the country's constitution and laws.

The powers of the executive presidency created by the Congress of People's Deputies this week worry

many Soviet radicals who fear a new autocracy has been created in the Kremlin. "I don't think any of us can predict with certainty how this is going to work in reality. There is a lot of

difference between power on paper and the ability to exercise it. It doesn't necessarily mean he can issue a decree on just about anything and get it obeyed," said one senior Western diplomat. The Kremlin's recent experience with breakaway

Lithuania declaring its independence is one example of Moscow's orders being simply ignored. The American president can invoke a national

emergency, which involves many similar powers to martial law. But he has no hlanket power to issue

Emergency

The French president can assume emergency powers but any action he takes can be reversed by Parliament, which sits throughout an emergency.

Like his counterparts in Washington and Paris. the Soviet presideot carries out all the functions of

Soviet deputies who backed the creation of the executive presidency argue that their country faces a special situation in which a strong leader is needed to tackle desperate problems such as the tottering economy and seething ethnic tensions.

In his acceptance speech, Gorhachev said he

In Beit Furik, a Muslim preacher whose mosque

loudspeakers were used to broadcast the alleged

confessions of informers, said the slayings in the

village were revenge for crimes against the uprising.

intended to use the presidential right to issue decrees, particularly to implement and accelerate radical economic reforms already approved by "Presidential decrees will be required on key

issues to formulate tasks clearly, set deadlines, and name those responsible for meeting them," he said. It was clear from his remarks that be planned to make aggressive use of his new office, assigning the

presidential council, an advisory council whose nembers are to be appointed hy him, all sorts of initiatives and projects. Collective

This body is being designed as a collective of

major political figures, experts on key spheres of state and public development who will work out recommendations on basic issues of domestic and foreign policy and suggest, if need be, prompt solu-tions," Gorbachev said. Western analysts of Gorbachev's new powers say

they may not be as sweeping as they look on paper, with question marks over whether they would be obeyed and how they would be enforced.

The analysts note that Gorbachev is continuing as Communist Party leader in a country where no other strong and cohesive political force has emer-The Soviet Parliament, unless it really begins to

assert its power, will not be much of a threat to him. Soviet courts have no independence whatsoever from the rest of the government.
"Until there are more checks and balances in this

system, there will be some danger of abuse of power," the senior diplomat said. Gorbachev told the Congress he was aware that some people were afraid the president would be able to usurp power, but he insisted: "There is no reason for such fears." The constitution would keep him in line, he said.



Gorbachev ... additional powers.

Letters to the editor

In trouble

SIR: The Controller of Examination, Federal Bound of Intermediate and Secondary, Education, Islamabad, allocated Pakistan School, Rumerthiya as the centre to hold theory and practical examinations of ISP students. The students, parents and teachers of the ISP were astonished to learn that the centre has been shifted to Shaab School. They were amazed to learn that the same school's ladian teacher has been appointed as the external examiner for the students of this school. This is sheer minations by the Centre Superintendent of SSC examinations, 1990. (who is trying) to ruin the future and the careet of the students of ISP.

The laboratory of Shaab School is instance. SIR: The Controller of Examination, Federal Board

The laboratory of Sheab School is inadequate Only five students can perform practicals at one time.
This can be verified by the Result Gazette of the

A community comprises of its members. R. a ridiculous that someone places the members of the community in trouble while claiming to be the self-wisher of the community.

Malik Habib-ur-Rab Member, Parents-Teachers Education Council, ISP

Simply private

THE Embassy of Pakistan would like to clarify the situation regarding the loternational School of Pakistan. In their letter dated Jan 16, 1990 the Federal Board of lotermediate and Secondary Education, Islamahad reiterated to the Principal of the ISP that the school was not affiliated and the registration forms for the Sessioo 1988-90 and 1989-91 of the school could not be accepted for want of affiliation. In consequence, the school students had to appear in private students. This decision was communicated after the high court had dismissed the writ petition of the "Principal" of the ISP, Taskeem Akbar (Copy of the board's letter submitted to AT).

As private candidates, the students of the ISP are not permitted to appear from ISP in their practical

As private candidates, the students of the ISP are not permitted to appear from ISP in their practical examination but must appear from an affiliated ustitution. As there were already over a hundred students appearing at the Rumeithnya School in practical examinations, the Superintendent alloted the Shaah School as the centre for the ISP private cari-

didates.

The embassy takes this opportunity to once again covery to the parents of ISP students that the forms sent by the ISP for the SSC Examination as regular, students have been rejected by the board and all students have been asked to fill fresh forms as private.

students.
Their applications for SSC examination have been accepted provisionally by the board as a special case on the recommendation of the embassy. However, the board requires them to fill and send proper application forms as private candidates

Syed Iqual Hissain Press and Cultural Attache Embassy of Pakistan

Policy failure

three-decade long foreign policy of befriending the United States. As an extension of this global politic continued, he became the architect of Pakistan's poscommuned, he became the arcunect of ranssam spose-ture towards Afghanistan. What triggered the gen-eral's imagination and foresight to get Pakistan so deeply involved in Afghan affairs can only be guessed. It might have been simply the established Pakistan's foreign.

convention to let the US direct Paristan's lorege policy; after all Pakistan had been towing the Kingrican line all along to the later took the heat. Another possibility could have been the later president vision of Islam. The OIC, with support from the majority of Islamic countries, disapproved of the Russian-backed regime in Kabul; consequently, Gen Zian-backed regime in Kabul; consequently consequently consequently consequently. might have felt obligated to place Pakistan as the frontline state to counter communist insurgence viewed as anti-Islamic. Yet, there can be another explanation: # 4 might have been covert American pressure to confront the Russians in exchange for military and economic aid to Gen. Zia's regime. In such a scenario, Pakistan had to become an extended arm of US foreign policy in South Asia.

outh Asia.

Given the absence of an open political discourse during the Zia era, the conceptual fundamentals of Pakistan's foreign policy did not come under a rationalized review. However, what the lafe president said to legitimize his foreign policy was that the strategic interests of the US and Pakistan were common, and the relationship between the two countries was based on solid foundations. What the former president conveniently forgot to explain to his nation was the nature of those commoo strategic interests between the US and Pakistan, and how and why this so-called commonelity of interests was transformed as a base for a foreign policy initiative.

Indeed, the initiation of Pakistan's Afghan policy was a very scrious matter; it not only involved Pakistan's relations with two major global powers, but italso entailed prolonged guerilla warfare in a neighbouring. Islamic country, and the resultant gruesome killing of

Muslims at the hands of each other.

No less important were the impacts that the Afghan policy were going to have in the internal socio-economic-political-cultural landscape of Pakistan and the consequent results in the security conditions within the country. Another related issue was the expected energing psychological profile of a nation supporting a major covert military operation and offering itself as a host to millions of displaced persons amidst an already alling economy. It seems Zia considered Pakistan in the role of a benevolent benefactor and forged an emotional consensus of the masses in his Afghan

Now, several years down the road, in a retrospective reflective stance, the overall situation, internal as well as external, seems to suggest that the Afghan policy has not produced any authentically desirable results; par-

nol produced any authentically desirable results, particularly, there have not been any gains for Pakistan Instead, there havebeen more countable sufferings and ruptures in Pakistan's internal body-politics.

The apologists who maintain that the Soviet military withdrawal has been a clear victory are dead wrong. Considering that the US and Western Europe had wanted the Soviets to bleed to global embarrassmentis. Afghanistan, the Soviet military disengagement, in fact, can be interpreted as a policy failure for the West and a victory. and a victory for Gorbachev in out-manocuvring the West in global strategical thinking. As far as Pakistanis

West in global strategical thinking. As far as Pakistania concerned, the war continues with its devastating impacts, visible as well as invisible.

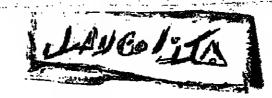
Zia was a military ruler who chose not to reveal the substance of the true nature of Pakistan-US relations, at least, this has been alleged by the progressive political forces in Pakistan. It has been maintained that the late president dealt with the basic democratic principle of open political discourse with considerable ciple of open political discourse with considerable admonition.

admonition.

Perhaps it can be expected that the democratically elected prime minister would be more candid and articulate in expressing her judicious understanding of the four-decade old love-tangle partnership between the US and Pakistan. After all, it is within the leginmate parameters of the Pakistani masses to inquire and know why Pakistan has so steadfastly remained committed to serving the foreign policy objectives of the United States — particularly now when this policy seems to be counter productive to the interests of Pakistan.

Dr Haider Mehdi, Shrvisikh

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BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF WAIT FOR THE LAST MINUTE

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North's preemptive jump to four spades worked extremely well. Because of the double fit in the red suits, five hearts by East-West would be defeated only one trick, but the vulnerability made it too oo the club finesse to try to land the risky for East to enter the fray.

West led the king of hearts and, when East followed with the deuce to indicate he was prepared for a switch, West shifted to the two of diamonds. It might seem that the fate of the contract now hinged on the club finesse, but declarer elected to postpone that decisioo uotil more was known about the distribution.

Declarer captured the king of diamonds with the ace, drew two rounds of trumps and ruffed the remining heart in dummy. Now came the key play—declarer led a club to the kiog and exited with a diamond. West won the trick with the ten, but the defense was in its death throes.

If West cashed the queen of diemonds, his forced red-suit return at the oext trick would allow declarer to ruff on the table while disposing of a losing club from hand. If West put East oo lead with a low diamond to the jack, that worthy would have an edditional means of committing suicide—besides conceding a ruffsluff, East could lead a club into

dummy's ace-jack tenace. What if West could win the third diamood and lead a club? Then declarer, having exhausted all other possibilities, would have to fall back



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to make you rather nervous. You should my to be more patient and understanding. You should not attempt to get your own back instead furgive. Be moderate.

May 21 - June 20

You will have what seems like a good idea but should reflect upon it: perhaps it is mut to so good after all. Avnid losing sight nf your objectives. Something you have been learning will now become easier. Be specific.

Gemini

Cancer June 21 - July 28

You will have a bit of good luck but not quite in the way you would bave preferred. Have a little more faith in yourself and confidence in others. You should not take too much for granted just now. Be res-You will be in high spirits and will be able to have a pleasant day. Choose your company a little mare carefully. Your experience will help you to make the right decision. Be

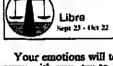
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July 21 - Aug 21

With a little more forethought you will be able to master a rather complex situation. You are more liable to make mistakes so look out for them. Ynur lucky numbers are 14 and 39. A mystery will be cleared up. Be less extravagant.

Virgo

Ynu will be able to make amends far something you did wrong and should do so. You will be able to avail yourself of a good opportun-ity. Do not place too much reliance nn mechanical devices. Be gen-erous, but not tn a fault.



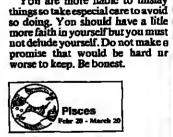
Your emotions will tend to run away with ynu, try to keep them under control but do not suppress them. You should not trust too much too soon to an acquintance. You will enjoy spending a little while with a hobby. Be reliable.



You will be able to have a good frank talk. However you must take care not to give offence. A promise you have made should be kept at all costs. Keep your wits a bit more about you. Be resourceful.



A temptation to spend recklessly must be restrained. Do not allow nthers to take advantage of you, but nor you if them. You will be able to do a friend a favour and be will be grateful for it. Be helpful.



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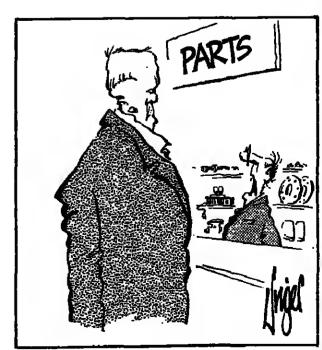
solution make sine that you behave towards e friend with the right degree of affability. You should make sure you do not get into bad habits or do things merely out of habit. Once you have made up your mind, stick to it. Be reasonable.

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You are more liable to delude yourself but by being sware of the trend you can forestall it. Something you have been learning will now prove its usefulness. Try to take your mind nfl work for the day. Be tactful.



"Quit fooling around!"



"A what?"









Carnap men invade rich men's villages: Carnapers have shifted their operations from parking lots to plush subdivision in Metro Manila, Constabulary Highway Patrol Group (CHPG) chief

Brig. Gen. Manuel Bruan said.

Bruan cited Magallanes village in Makati, Better Living in Paranaque, West Ave., in Quezon City and Sampolac as the favourite areas of operation of car thieves and Lancers, Toyotas and Nissan Sentras as the most sought after vehicles.

One of the latest victims of car thieves was a niece of Sen. Victor Ziga whose Nissan Sentra was stolen by three armed men while she was buying from a grocery store in Better Living, Bruan said.

Bruan urged homeowners in subdivisions to advise their security forces to co-operate with his men. CHPG operatives are not authorised to enter subdivision without the consent of homeowners, he said.

CHPG records show that at least 73 stolen cars have been recovered

since Jan 1, 67 of which were found in Metro Manila.

Bohol cop sacked: Cebu City — The National Police Commission has dismissed a policeman who killed a farmer in Sagbayan, Bohol

Central Visayas Napolcom regional director Benigno S. Dacanay, said that Pat Avelino Villares, of the Sagbayan, Bohol was dismissed from the service for killing Alberto Razon, a farmer in Barangay Sta Cruz, Sagbayan on May 10, 1988.

Dacanay said Razon was sbot by Villares with an Armalite rifle during a benefit dance held at a basketball court along the national highway in Barangay Sta Cruz.
Villares claimed self-defense but it was rejected by the commission's

adjudication board number three headed by lawyer Raymundo S. Rigonan, Dacanay said.

On the other hand, the board gave full credence to the testimonies of witnesses who told the board that the policeman struck Razon with his Armalite rifle causing him to fall to the ground. The witness said Villares then sbot the victim in the head and breast

causing his instant death, according to Dacanay. Users of illegal booster pumps: The Metropolitan Waterworks and Sewerage System (MWSS) warned the public that direct pumping of water from MWSS water mains is prohibited hy law. MWSS issued the warning in the wake of reports that many water

users install booster pumps to draw water directly from its water mains,

depriving their neighbours of water in the process.

MWSS administrator Luis V.Z. Sison said that as a matter of policy, the MWSS only allows the installation of booster pumps when the owner has a ground level reservoir or storage tank filled by gravity from which he can pump water.

Sison warned that violators are liable under Presidential Decree 401-A, which imposes penalties including immediate disconnection of water service or imprisonment and fines ranging from P2,000 to P6,000,

67-year-old accused of raping grandchild: An eight-year-old girl has filed rape charges against the second husband of her grandmother in Binangonan, Rizal.

In her sworn statement to the police, the girl said that on Jan 9, she was taking a bath when she was raped by Elias Martinez, 67, of 83 Aristorenas St. San Carlos Heights Subd., Tayuman, Binangonan. Her mother was in Antipolo looking for a job the said

mother was in Antipolo looking for a job, the said.

Martinez allegedly ordered the girl's brother to leave the bouse and then pushed the girl inside the bathroom and raped her.

The victim's mother had her daughter examined by Capt. Emmanuel

Aranas of PX Criminal Laboratory who found the victim had indeed been raped.

The case was filed before the Antipolo municipal trial court, Branch I. It was dockted as Criminal Case No. 090-01. Judge Candido delos Santos recommended no bail for Martinez

saying the crime was "statutory rape."

Martinez' lawyers filed a motion of the court's ruling.

The victim's mother was surprised to learn that Martinez had been released from police custody after the court allowed him to post a

OC cop ousted for rape: Capcom Chief and Metropolitan Police Force director Brig. Gen. Alexander Aguirre has dismissed from the police service a Quezon City policeman for raping a 16-year-old housemaid in his mother's house in San Andres Bukid. Manila four

Aguirre dismissed Pfc. Eduardo Cahugwang who has been absent without official leave (AWOL) since the pre-trial investigation of the

Records showed that the housemaid, of Philand Subd., Tandang Sora Ave., Quezon City, was charged with qualified theft hy her employer Evelyn Castillo on Sept. 19, 1989. Pfc. Cabugwang took her in his custody.

An inquest prosecutor set the case for further investigation and ordered the release of the housemaid. The policeman instead hrought her to a bouse in a squatter colony in

Balintawak, Quezon City where he molested her, the records said. Cabugwang then watched a movie with the maid before he brought her to his mother's house where be raped her again and again, the

records said. When the maid's employer, Castillo, discovered the rape, she confronted the policeman but he cursed and threatened her, "Huwag kang lulukoluko rito. Teritoryo ko ito at kahil babae ay sinasalvage ko, the records added.

Western Police District men rescued the housemaid on Oct 18, 1989.

Pregnant woman mauled: A Nine-month pregnant woman suspected of stealing a TV set was mauled by angry residents in Quezon

City yesterday morning.
Nora Tuazon, 38, of 13 V. Luna Road, Barangay Pinahan, Quezon
City, was badly hruised when she was rushed to East Avenue Medical Center in the city. Tuazon was later released from the hospital and then turned over to

police hy Barangay Captain Francisco Salao Jr and other Barangay leaders. Tuazon was about to board a tricycle with the TV set of Mary Anne

Pasquin when the mob caught her.

At the police station, Quezon City Sgt. Bobby Atienza identified Tuazon as the same person who stole some P10,000 worth of assorted jewelry from his wife last year.

"Talagang papatayin siya ng mga tao kung medyo naantala ang dating namin," the barangay captain said. "Pero kung nagkataon na hindi siya huntis at kung naging lala ki lang siya, pababayaan ko narin siya.

Tuazon admitted the accusations against her and told People's Journal that she stole because she needed money for her maternity needs. She is supposed to give birth not later than March 10, she added. She is detained at the Quezon City theft and robbery jail.

'Acting like a thief,' man shotgunned to death: A Contract worker "acting like a thief" was shotgunned to death by a security guard along Ayala Avenue, Makati yesterday.

Contract worker Cayetano Lapitan, 49, of Liptong, Tagudin, Ilocos Sur, did not reach the Makan Medical Center alive after he was shot by security guard Mario Sunga, 37, of Premium Security and Investigation Agency (PSIA).

Sunga's colleague, Ernesto Geda, 45, of Ayala Police Detachment, claimed that Lapitan was "acting suspiciously" behind a tree when he and Sunga were patroling along Ayala Avenue near the corner of Buendia Avenue at about 5 am yesterday.

When Sunga got down from his car, he was met by a hail of stones

coming from the tree where Laptan was hiding.

Sunga chased Lapitan and then fired his 12-gauge Squire Bingham shotgun in the air to warm Lapitan.

Tondo man slain: A man was was shot to death yesterday by three men while cleaning a policeman's jeep in front of his bouse in

Edgardo Cahuyo, 29., of 1219 Sto Nino St., Tondo, died instantly from 11 gunshot wounds in the different parts of the body. Pfc. Vermon Ponciano, 38, of the Manila police theft and robberv

section, trade shots for about 10 minutes with the suspects but was not Homicide probers Patrolmen Ben Ines and Nelson Napao-it said

Cabuyao was cleaning Ponciano's jeep when three men arrived. The men, armed with 45s and a .38 revolver, shot Ponciano wbo was seated in a chair nearby but missed. Instead, they shot Cabuyao

Cabuyao's sister, Emelene, 34, said she suspects that the men who killed her brother were the same men who shot and seriously wounded their other brother last Jan 1.

Annette Lichauco in a world of babes

IF only she sets her mind to it, Annette A. Lichauco could very well keep cousins Kris and Jackie Aquino steady company in the stellar world of showbusiness. However, the winsome "baby" of Ernesto and Maur (nee Aquino) Lichauco prefers to shine in her own sphere—that of pedagogy. Only 24 years old, Annette is well on her way to fulfilling a childhood dream: that of establishing a learning institution for pre-schoolers and the mentally impaired.

"Being the youngest of five children, I've always missed the feeling of having a little brother or sister to play with, so maybe that's one of the reasons why I'm very fond of children," says the charming teacher. The love for education has been inculcated in all the Lichauco siblings, and each has a post-graduate diploma to be proud of. Eldest brother Anton obtained his master's degree at Columbia University; sister Zasa earned her MA in Boston and is now married to an oral pathologist; George fini-shed his MBA at North-Western University, while Dan will be graduating this May with an MA in architecture from the Univer-sity of Michigan. Annette herself took Child Development at UP Diliman before pursuing her master's degree in Special Education at Boston College, where she graduated last year. Says Annette of their family's academic tradition, "Our parents always tell us that they cannot give us a good husband or a good wife—only a good education. So they encouraged us to complete our studies, from nursery to a postgraduate course."

Right after completing her Boston schooling, Annette and her close friend Gina Estayo (her roommate in the States) proceeded to put their own nursery, right at the Licbaucos' New Manila home. In September 1989, the Young Learners Collaborative was born.

Annette could not remember ever losing temper with children. "I love kids and everything about them - their inquisitiveness, their innocence, their purity of thought ... Even in family reun-

By William M. Reilly

NEW YORK, (UPI): Former Philippine first lady Imelda Mar-cos, forced from her homeland

and now pleading poverty, goes on trial this week on charges she

and former president Ferdinand

Marcos looted the Asian

The strong-willed widow, often called the "steel hutterfly," has been living a low-profile life

in Hawaii since the death of her

husband last September. That will end, bowever, when she

shows up in Manhattan Federal

Court Tuesday to face charges of

fraud, conspiracy and obstruc-tion of justice. She faces a possi-

The former first lady is char-

ged with conspiring to steal Philippine government funds

and hiding the money in lucrative

Manhattan real estate invest-

Marcos will go on trial with Saudi Arabian financier, Adnan

Khashoggi, who faces charges of obstruction of justice and fraud.

in allegedly helping to conceal

the Marcos' interest in the real

Five other people also were indicted in the case.

Throughout her ordeal, Mar-

cos, often ridiculed for ber

extravagant tastes and behemoth

shoe collection, has maintained a

proud demeanour, even charm-

ing onlookers at her arraignment

at which she was fingerprinted

Prosecutors say Marcos, with

the aid of Khashoggi, siphoned

like a common criminal.

nation's treasury.

ble 20-year sentence.



ions, I'm usually found playing with the little ones, rather than mingling with cousins my age. I plan our Christmas programmes, birthday parties....Now that a lot of my younger cousins are growing up to be teenagers. I help them with their adolescent problems. You know, crushes, peers, and all those juvenile concerns. I like being their 'ate.'

The young schoolmarm has had three years of actual teaching experience behind her. Two have been spent at UP, where she had ber college practicum as a teaching assistant. The other year was part of her curriculum in Boston, where Annette was assigned to teach a class of three to five-year old autistic children. Autism is a form of infantile psychosis where a child becomes detached from his environment and becomes absorbed or isolated in his own

lmelda Marcos, surrounded by press and federal police, heads into court to be arraigned on racketeering

Imelda Marcos goes on trial

more than \$100 million from her

country's treasury before fleeing

the "people power" revolution in

1986 that gave Corazon Aquino

the presidency. The indictments

covered only a small portion of the hillions the Marcoses

allegedly stole from their

Khasboggi, the flasby million-

aire and one-time friend of

royalty and presidents, is confined to the New York

metropolitan area by an ankle bracelet that alerts law enfor-

cement officers if he leaves the

key middleman in the Iran-Con-

tra scandal, which involved US

arms sales to Iran and the private

airlift to resupply the Nicaraguan Contra rebels at a time when Congress had banned

After leaving the Philippines,

Her lawyer, John Bartko, said

the Marcoses settled in a com-

paranvely modest ranch style home in Honolulu.

that despite her notoriety, Mar-

cos is no longer a wealthy

He said the Philippine govern-ment had effectively frozen Mar-

cos' assets "anywhere in the

world" and the couple had been

living on borrowed funds since

Marcos' 55 million bail was posted by New Jersey tobacco heiress Doris Duke. But when

Marcos arrived in New York for

her arraignment in November

1988, she stayed in an \$1,800-a-

coming to the United States.

official US aid.

Khashoggi also emerged as a

region without authorisation.

homeland.

world. This illness is character-ised by difficulties in oral expression, a tendency to withdraw from social contact, sudden tantrums or bouts of hyperactivity, among other extreme behaviours. Tending several impaired and emotionally-disturbed children for hours on end can be extremely exhausting, physically and mentally. But it is for these "special" cases that Annette has developed a soft spot. "These children are locked up in their own world, and

sometimes, they do not respond no matter how bard you try and reach out. But I never found that frustrating. What inspires me is knowing that these kids need my time and attention because they cannot function like the regular tykes. This understanding makes me want to help them more, to get through them."

day suite at the Waldorf Towers.

During the trial she reportedly

plans to stay in an apartment

provided hydriends.
The trial begins after a series of pretrial judicial defeats for the

Last Tuesday, US District

Judge, John Keenan, cleared his

desk of all pretrial motions when

he refused to let Khashoggi stand

trial on his own.

Keenan rebuffed attempts to

either dismiss or weaken the 1988

indictment. Those attempts even included a claim the former first

lady was kidnapped from the

In December attorneys for

The prosecution reportedly

Imelda and the government met

to discuss a possible plea agreement, which she rejected.

bas some 50 witnesses lined up, including Rodolfo Arambulo,

56, a bank official who was indic-

ted in the case and pleaded guilty

The two defendants appeared in court Friday for a conference

The trial is expected to go into

July, with the government case

alone taking up to three months.

A civil rackeleering suit also

was filed last year against Ferdin-

and and Imelda Marcos to

recoup any proceeds the former

first couple may have received

from the alleged racketeering

The complaint, filed in Federal

Court, in Manhattan asked that

the proceeds be distributed to the

victims of their crimes, presuma-

bly the people of the Philippines.

to one count of fraud.

on jury selection.

defendants.

Philippines.

Despite her attachment to special kids, she only has one such pupil among the 14 students enrolled at the Young Learners Collaborative. This is mainly because she doesn't think her school is ready to handle the needs of more developmentallydelayed children at the moment. "Hopefully," she averred, "we could grow enough to accommodate more pupils in a separate special class. That's definitely one of our plans."

Annette takes pride in what she and her partner, Gina, have accomplished so far. "Up to now, I look at my classrooms and still can't believe they're mine. Not so long ago, this school was just a dream. And now, it's here. And it's minel It's exciting because now, I can really put into practice all the learning and ideals I've accumulated at the university. A lot of my friends used to ask me. Why do you have to take up an MA just to teach children their ABC? ... It. may sound funny, but we forget that teaching is not just instructing pupils how to read and write. Children come into this world

like sponges — they absorb everything they encounter. So teachers have to be careful about what they relate, especially if they're handling students who are in their formative years. If they don't get a good founda-tion, it affects them for life." At the YLC, the pupils are

divided into two classes: Nursery I (two to three eyars old) and Nursery 2 (three to five years old), with Annette and Gina handling one class each. The threehour sessions are interspersed with hoth academics and educational games, where kids are directed to pick up bits of learning even during playtime. "We don't grade the children in terms of numbers. Instead, we give their parents a narrative report on how they perform in all areas of development from day to day," explains the beaming teacher. After a child accomplishes the tasks of his present level. then he is moved to a more advanced class- :--

procedures apposed by the teat a zealously pursue what is, per-

formulated by the students them-selves. "All the kids gave their own ideas, and we came up with rules like no hitting, no kicking no biting, saying 'please' and thank you' ... Very simple, yet important guidelines like that. Then we had these rules written on our bulletin board, so whenever someone misbehaves, we remind him that these came from you and you should always follow them." A microcosm of

democracy, we might add.

Listening to Annette gush over ber school and the toddlers enrolled in it may very well give you the impression that her whole life revolves around her profession. In a way, this is true. She admits that all her energy is is concentrated on her fledging institution. But she's not afraid of the old belief that dedicated teachers end up as old maids. She chuckled lightly at the idea, then remarked, "No, I don't think that will ever happen to me. I budget my time. My weekdays are spent at YLC, but Saturdays and Sundays are for lessure. make it a point to see my friends and go out with them. You know, shopping, watching a movie. Fortunately, I still have

A lot of people feel that Annette is too pretty and vibrant to be confined to the four walls of a classroom, and not a few modeling or showbiz offers have come ber way. But she has consistently turned these down, giving her love for education her undivided interest. This country has enough celebraties. What it needs are better teachers. "Values have gone down," she opined, "so we have all sorts of delinquency. But if we can mold the younger ones, then we can preserve the following generations." This is what Annette sims to achieve in her own way, starting out with her handful of babes at the YLC.
Annette Lichauco with all her

good looks, intelligence, social, and political affinity, could have chosen a more spectacular road to success. But as she faced the turning points in her life, this presidential niece decided to go for the less-travelled avenue.

When I was in the States, I came across a saying that had so much impact on me. I said: It touch the future because I teach. And that's true. With this reality in mind, I'm found more strength, and

Surprisingly, the rules of the determination to go on. Guided Classroom are add attaillacence solutithis chimette continues do chers, but are simple pointers haps, the noblest of professions.

Hot singles: take your pick

 KAPAYAPAAM — Various Artistes (WEA). After After Handog ng Pilipino sa Mundo - the EDSA Revolution anthem - Jim Paredes comes up with this song for the benefit of Artists for Peace. Top OPM luminaries from WEA — Apo, Celeste, Gary, Gino, Janet, Jose Maari, Kuh, Marco, Sheryl and introducing Camille, Samantha and 14-K compose the group. To all rebel soldiers: Please heed

How Am I supposed to Live Without You Michael Bolton (OctoArts). Originally done by not-too-recent Manila visitor, Laura Branigan, How Am I ... is rehashed by songwriter-turned-solo-act Michael Bolton. If you're familiar with James Ingram's style prolonging a note by utilising the kulot system (ie.singing high and low notes in ending a phrase) — Bolton is not far behind for he is soul personified.

 Romanica — James Taylor (Alpha). This is not the one who gave us You've have Got a Friend, but the voice behind Celebration and Cherish by Kool & the Gang. Yes, Miss Pakakak, James Taylor has gone solo. Lifted from the LP, Master of the Game, this single has all the right ingredients - state-of-the-art studio tricks, catchy chorus - needed to make a sumptuous meal. In short, it's very Top 40-ish.

● No Friend of Mine - Clnb Nouveau (Wea). Let's boogie for a while with this cut by Cluh Nouveau. There's no catchy hook or a different beat a la-Rumors this time, only loud backbeat and heart-stopping bass line. But, hey, there's the not-to-be-snobbed rap part in the middle, so rejoice, disco freaks. Expect a massive promo hlitz by the WEA dancers in various television shows.

 Sa Kanya — Ogie Alcasid (OctoArts). Written by the Neocolours' vocalist, Ito Rapadas, and arranged by current hot property, Jimmy Antiporda (he's also with the Neocolours), Sa Kanya is Top OPM at its best. After the surprisingly certified gold record, Nandito Ako. Ogie "Bonsai" Alcasid has got another smash in his small hands.

● I'll Be Good to You—Quincy Jones featuring Ray Charles & Chaka Khan (WEA). Culled from Quincy "The Master" Jones' latest album, Back on the Block, this single, originally recorded by The Brothers Johnson in the 70s, who reinvented bass playing via the thumping style, can only be described in one word: OUTASIGHT. Pardon the pun, Mr.

● Lambada — (OctoArts). The Solid Gold Dancers introduced us to this Brazilian song but Ivory beat Octo to the draw in coming up first with a dance contest in Eat Bulaga! I'm sure Lambada is currently selling like hot fishballs, but the profits will be shared hy two competing companies — Ivory Fish-balls & Spicy Sauces and OctoArts Tuhog-Tuhog Co. Equal distribution of wealth, di ba?

● Sagot ng Puso — Sheryl Cruz with Romnick Sarmenta (WEA). Rumored lovebirds, Sheryl and Romnick, deliver a mushy, syruppy and sweety-sweety ditty lifted off the former's debut LP, Sheryl. Rock and a Hard Place — Rolling Stones (OctoArts). The second single (the first was Mixed Emotions) from the group's reunion album, Steel Wheels, is a hard-edged, lip-biting cut powered by Richard's rhythm guitar, Watts' clockwork drumming and Jagger's never-say-die vocals. Now, who says that rock u'roll is dead?

The latest LPs in town

IF you want to save time looking for what albums/ tapes to buy in your friendly neighborhood record shop, here's recommended list...

shop, here's recommended list....

Phil Collins' latest is ... But Seriously featuring the current hit, Another Day in Paradise (adult contemporary). Tracy chapman's second LP, Crossroads, features the compelling title cut (folk). The Ocean Blue's self-titled debut is worth your while (new wave). Ka rapatang Pantao boasts of 20 Filipino artists for a worthwhile cause (folk). For those who dig heavy metal, choose your wild:

Motley Crue— Dr Feelgood; Acrosmith — Piamp; Slayer — South of Heaven; Metal Church — Blessing in Disguise; Kix - Blow My Fuse.

Jazz aficionados, this list's for you: Al Di Meola Project — Tirami Su; Stanley Turrentine — La Place; Freddie Hubbard — Times Are Changing; Don Pullen — New Beginnings; Pat Metheny— Letter from Home; Sadao Watanable — Front Seat; Randy Crawford — Rich and Poor; Joe Sample— Spellbound; Earl Klugh — Whispers and Promises; The Dick Baurie Group — Measure for Measure.

Peso rate vs dollar improves

THE peso continued to rally against the US dollar, recouping 14 of the 15 centavos it lost to the American currency on Tuesday. tbanks to the Central Bank which pumped \$2 million in the

local foreign exchange market. In spite of the peso rally. foreign exchange traders however remained convinced that this would not be sustained considering the precarious foreign exchange reserves not only of the CB, but also of the entire banking system. CB's reserves level is now at

\$1.7 billion, while amount held by the commercial banking system stands at \$3 billion.

On Wednesday, the CB unloaded \$3 million that helped the peso to bounce back to

P22.743 from a low of P22.85 to \$1. The local currency's parity to the US dollar opened the week on Monday at P22.70.

For the second day since Wednesday, the CB was the major, seller in what observers described as a "futile" attempt to rescue the beleaguered peso.

On a volume of \$2 million, the peso's rate to the American dollar went up to P22.743. The traders said the peso's fur-ther depreciation to the P23-P25

to \$1 range this year "is already a given one in view of the widerthan expected trade gap last year and the projected continued deterioration of the country's trade balance this year, coupled with the rising international

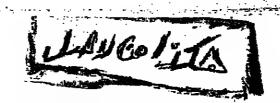
interest rates." Other analysis are predicting a year-end peso-dollar, rate of P24, the prevailing rate in the hlackmarket. Imports last year. grew by 27 per cent to \$10.4 billion, while export earnings posted a mere 10 per cent growth to \$7.8 billion. This resulted in a swollen trade deficit of \$2.6 billion conserved.

billion compared to a little more

than \$1 billion deficit in the

preceding year.

With Philippine exports forecast to remain weak this year on account of factors such as low production and poor prices for traditional and even some nontraditional export items, observers a verred that this year's trade pattern would be similar to that of last year



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Top marketing post: a piece of cake

DOESN'T she look like presidential daughter Kris Aquino? People who see her for the first time at Faces Disco look twice before telling themselves that no, she is not although there's an amazing resemblance. But who knows? Pretty Marvie Young who is of pure Chinese stock (her mother is a Pe), might be related to the Cojuangcos or might be related to them in the near future. I repeat, who knows?

Anyway, multi-talented Marvie who is marketing director of Faces Disco, has had a wealth of marketing experience even when she was still studying at Assumption Convent.

"When I was in school, I worked for fun. I used to be casting director for several agencies for print or ads models. I would send my classmates

to these agencies and I'd receive 30 per cent for my commission."

After she graduated, she found herself handling promotions at Rustan's Department Store. A vacation in the States with her sisters proved to be a working vacation. Marvie, who radiates the wholesome good looks of the young, unflagging enthusiasm and energy, at the same time worked with the San Francisco consulate office as liaison officer.

"I just assisted Peachy Pelaez, a friend of mine, because the Consulate was setting up a convention in connection with Fiesta Island '89. When I cause back here, I solicited several prizes on her behalf for the convention. When I solicited from Faces, I was asked by management what I wanted to do at that moment. I'm still undecided, I told them. I might go back to school or work."

Marvie was on a leave of absence at that time from Rustan's and she was offered another joh with them handling YAL products.

But I'm not a merchandising person. I'm really into marketing and promotions so I know I'll not be at home selling products. Rustan's was willing to double my salary hut for me it's not the money that counts but love for the joh so I can perform well. But I'm still in close contact with the Rustan people especially Nedy Tantoco and Susan Joven. Everytime we have special affairs at Faces, I invite them or I write notes just to say hello.

When the position of marketing director at Faces was vacant, it was offered to Marvie and she accepted it. She knows she can make a go of it,

for she loves the joh even if people think she's too young for it. There's a standing joke in Faces that if you want a joh in the marketing division, you should not be older than the marketing director," she langhs. "All of us are young there, only in our early 20's. I'd like to give my generation the oopportunity to give and sell new ideas especially in a competitive business like discos. I make position papers for the target market from A to B. We do not limit our patrons to socialites only hut also to husinessmen, expatriates, yuppies or what we now call the young tigers. It was Faces which coined "young tigers" in place of yuppies. Within the Pacific range, the Philippines is a young tiger which has an opportunity to grow and prosper and become one of the best in Asia. So, young people who go there are the "young tigers" of

Marvie also handles advertising which means she has to come up with several projects to attract patrons to Faces. It's not only the print media that she has to take care of, she also has to create themes for several affairs and happenings at Faces. The marketing division has to go into personalised service like sending cards or messages or throwing small parties for those who patronize Faces or for thsee people they

"Those connected with the public relatious department take care of the people who are already present in Faces but we service them before the occasion comes."

This small wisp of a bright girl is also going into international marketing. Faces got into a verbal agreement with PAL for its (Faces) in-house magazine to be strategically placed in the Mabuhay lounges of all PAL planes. The magazine will come out twice a year - in June which is the anniversary issue, and December-January, "to start the year right." It contains pictures of people who frequent Faces, stories about successful parties held there, people behind the scene or what's up in the future. Nice way of advertising the club, isn't it? NO other disco has ever done this before and we say kudos (oops, did we mention a rival

disco?) to the young Marvie Young.

In-between her very busy schedule, Marvie is into social and civic work. Her pet project is Boys Town and its wards.

"When I was at Rustan's Susan Joyen asked me to think of a project

connected to or which would depict Christmas. I suggested that we put a big glass in the middle of each floor of the store, then invited 12 boys from Boys Town to sing Christmas songs, I thought people would only drop coins but later we found out there were 100 and 500-peso bills. I let the boys sing for one hour in every floor and would you believe that we made thirteen thousand pesos in all?"

Shedid the same at Faces and Faces boss Bobong Velez said he would double the amount of what was in the glass box. When counted, they had six thousand in the glass box and Bobong added six thousand more.

There are 143 boys from Boys Town hut I had only 21, ages ranging from seven to 17. The teachers there have organised a dramatic cluh, Glee Cluh and one for those interested in dancing. From the first set of money received, we bought new T-shirts for them which they wore only during Christmas. With the rest of the fund, I talked to the Bank of the Philippine Islands to create a fund for them with three signatories me, one from the Boys Town and one from the Faces management. The money is to be used only for emergencies and for the choir, like costumes, minus one tapes and the like. My one dream for them is to buy a Karaoke so they can rehearse their songs. Right now, that money is on time deposit and a small amount is set for emergency for choir

Inspite of the frantic pace of her work, the young lady has managed to talk to people for them to be ninangs or ninongs to the 143 wards of Boys Town, not for financial dole-outs hut for ways with which to encourage and inspire them to study, to pray. It is also for such necessities as toothhrush, toothpaste, comh, hankies, etc. They may send letters or notes or visit these neglected boys for them to feel that there are people who care for them even if they are neglected by their parents. Most of them however are orphans or half-orphans.

"I enjoy the husiness challenge, the creative vitality and even the husy moments of my life. If I can find people who'll help me, well and good. If not, I'll do it myself.'

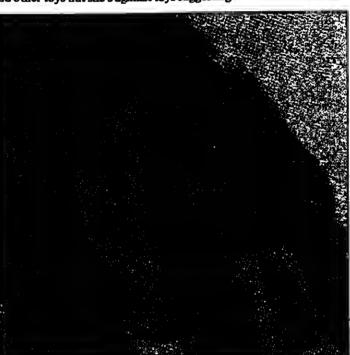
No time for love, dates, etc?

"Oh, yes, I have. No lack of suitors but no one in particular yet. There's one who's persistent but we're still in the "getting to know you stage. But I'll tell you what I like in a man. He should be tall, physically well-huilt, well-dressed although not necessarily the designer-hrand and very, very intelligent. One with a strong personality at mabango,"

But, of course, love is still the main factor. If we have that, we can understand each other's needs and dreams and share each other's

What if she falls in love with one who earns less than she does? "Then, I'll save more to pay the bills. Seriously, I'll probably not end up with one because I like my man to be super intelligent and they are the kind who know how to make money so I'm sure he'll earn more than

Marvie speaks Mandarin, Fookien and French which she is now studying. Although she comes from pure Chinese parents, she was born here and speaks English and Tagalog fluently. She's fond of swimming and horseback riding and collects stuffed toys. In fact, her other dream is to own a toy store, one reason why last year, she attended an International Toy Fair in New York. She saw dolls of different kinds and other toys hut she's against toys suggesting war.



Sugar makers oppose imports for local needs

GOVERNMENT importation of sugar to meet local requirements at the same time that part of the Philippine production is being sold in the world market was strongly opposed yesterday hy sugar producers.

The National Federation of Sugarcane Planters (NFSP) said in a letter to the Sugar Regulatory Administration (SRA) that such importation would be detrimental to the sugar industry.

NFSP said it will agree to importation only under certain conditions such as the existence of a real nationwide shortage of sugar and provided that the importation is limited to the estimated shortage and undertaken hy the sugar producers as a priority right.

At the same time, NFSP proposed a compromise sugar allocation formula to ensure a steady supply of sugar in the local market and the same time protect sugar producers from the activities of unscrupulous traders.

The proposal, contained in a letter to SRA chairman Arsenio Yulo hy Rep. Romeo Guanzon (LDP, Bacolod), NFSP president, seeks to rationalize the allocation of the country's sugar production under various categories: "A" to fill the United States sugar quota, "B" for local consumption, "C" for strategic reserves and "D" for the world market.

The house committee on agriculture chaired hy Rep. Leonardo Guerrero (LDP, Cavite) has been holding public hearings on the complaints of sugar producers against certain government policies on sugar.

In the same letter, Guanzon said NFSP will agree to importation only if there is a national shortage certified to hy the Department of Agriculture, the SRA and the Department of Trade, and is recommended hy the National Council of Sugar Producers and approved by the

The importation, he said, should be handled hy the producers as a priority right, and the volume should be limited to the estimated shortage. It should also be based on guidelines to be issued by the interagency com-mittee on sugar, he added.

From the provinces

SAN PEDRO: The father of the number one councillor of San Pedro, Laguna has been charged with attempted homicide and grave threats before the San Pedro municinal trial court in connection with the shooting of a teacher recently.

In her complaint, Zenaida A. Abanilla, a teacher of the Kindergarten Quality School, and a resident of 608 Masambahsin St, United San Pedro Subdivision, said that Efren Almoro, also of USPS, fired his shotgun at her hut missed as she was able to parry the shotgun's barrel.

The attempted homicide charges against the Almoro, father of San Pedro councillor Roy Almoro, was docketed as criminal case number 16244 before the municipal trial court (MTC) of San Pedro while the grave threat charges was docketed criminal case number 16243.

OUEZON CITY: The Office of the Ombudsman was urged by a book distributor to speed up the investigation and disposition of a complaint filed against Quezon City govern-ment officials in connection with the purchase of encyclopaedia to the city govern-

Through lawyer Arturo M. de Castro, Filmarke Enterprises, distributor of Lexicon Universal Encyclopaedia, told Ombudsman Conrado Vasquez the speedy investigation of the case was necessary because its name "was unduly dragged into it although we have not been named as a respondent.

The complainant was identified as a certain David F Jimenez who, however, cannot be found in the address in his unverified complaint, according to De Castro. He said the publicity about

the complaint "is damaging" Filmarke and violated a law that proceedings and investigation hy the Office of Omhudsman should be confidential before a finding of the existence of a prima facie

The early disposition of the complaint will prevent the Office of the Omhudsman "from being used as an avenue to unfairly smear the names of innocent parties through adverse publicity orchestrated hy the people behind the filing of the complaint," De Castro said.

De Castro said that there was nothing irregular in the sale of the Lexicon encyclopaedia to public lihraries.

CAGAYAN: An unidentified man threw grenade into a passenger hus, killing one person and seriously wounding 12 others in Cagayan de Oro City, reports reaching Camp

Crame said. A report to Maj.Gen.
Ramon Montano, PC-INP
chief, by the Constahulary
Regional Command 10 identified the fatality as Matu Sail

Waga, 25, of Cagayan de Oro City.
Waga was hit directly by
the grenade, killing him on the spot. A German national, identified as Ludin Gerhard, was seriously injured, the

military said. Constabulary investigators could not yet determine the motive of the attack, although they suspected that it was part of terroristic activity by the Moro National Liberation Front in the South.

Reports said a USA Bus Lines unit was on a holiday trip in the city when a man hurled grenade into it. The bus was then loading passen-gers at the corner of Borja and Roja streets.

Bystanders chased the man, but they lost him in a crowded street, it was repor-

In Albay, a constabulary officer was killed when he prevented another soldier from throwing a grenade into a PC detachment in Guinobatan.

Killed was Staff Sgt Reynaldo Cordovo of the PC Maserawag Assistance Cen-

MANILA: A 53-year-old woman died when she was trapped in a one-hour fire that gutted a six-door residentialcommercial apartment in Sta Ana, Manila.

Damage to property was placed at PI million.

Capt. Wenceslao Ealdama. chief of the arson section of the Western Police District (WPD), identified the victim as Pascuala Jamotilla of 2005 Pedro Gil St, Sta Ana. The body was found by paramedic teams of the Manila Fire Department on the ground floor of the two-story apart-

investigators said the fire started on the ground floor of Jamotilla's rented apartment.

She was trapped on the second floor, according to her daughter, Aurora, who was able to run out of the apart-

Traffic of Tejeron and Pedro Gil Streets clogged as a result of the fire. Metro Manila traffic aides and policemen rerouted the flow of traffic to give way for responding firetrucks of the Manila central fire station.

AURORA: Some 70 critical watershed areas in Aurora province are now the focus of attention by the Aurora Integrated Area Development (AIADP).

A rehabilitation programme for the Aurora watersheds is hased on hydrogical and soil surveys done with the use of aerial photographs and satelline imageries. The survey was conducted by the watershed management and land use study teams.

The programme, which aims to rationalize the use of lands in the upland areas as well as provide water supply for drinking, irrigation and power generation, rests mainly on watershed protection and management.

A joint Department of Environment and Natural Resources-AlADP rehabilitation-protection programme for the Diamanen watershed in Aurora was earlier declared hy a presidential directive as a critical watershed.

LAOAG CITY: Six army troopers and a civilian believed to be members of a rohbery gang in Ilocos Norte were arrested recently hy police operatives, Camp Juan authorities said.

Police chief Maj. Ricardo Antalan reported to provincial PC-INP commander Lt Col Jose Dalumpines that the suspects admitted participation in a series of rohberies last December.

The cases included the holdups of a Philippine Rahbit bus and Gina Liner hus in San Nicolas town and Barit, Laoag, respectively, Antalan

The soldiers, he said, were disarmed upon the order of their superior, Col George Moleta, chief of the 503rd Army infantry hrigade. They are now detained at

the PC stockade and city jail, pending the filing of criminal charges against them.

BALANGA, Bataan: At least 1,000 Army soldiers participated in major offensive operations to beat the March 30 deadline set hy their commander to crush the New Pcople's Army (NPA) group in

Bataan. Col Rene S. Dado set the March 30 deadline when he took over as commander of the Army's 702nd Infantry Brigade based in this province shortly after the coup attempt last December. He replaced Brig. Gen. Liberato Manuell who retired from the service.

Dado fielded soldiers in full battle gear to pressure the communist NPA rebels into suhmission and punish those who chose to fight. He said the rebels were on the run after the seizure last week of their highly sophisticated radio network in Ahucay.

The hrigade chief said that suspected lairs and fronts of the NPA rebels were among the targets of the military offensive operations. He called on the local officials to help in "crushing the NPA operations" to make Bataan a more peaceful place.

ZAMBOANGA CITY: A group of 15 heavily armed men, believed to be rebels. attacked harangay Upper Bungyao, this city, hurned several houses, shot dead three persons, including a former army soldier, and wounded two others.

Earlier, the same armed group reportedly ambushed a logging truck, killing four hitchhikers, including a barangay councilman, in nearhy barangay Luhigan.

Zamboanga police station commander Maj. Edwin Soledad identified the fatalities in the raids as Edgardo paez, 35, a former soldier; Rosalio Labrado, 22, and Dodong Halao, 24.

The wounded were Hadjaran Baacal, 36, and his hrother Isa, 18.

Soledad said the attackers, armed with Armalite rifles, swooped down on the mountain village, looted several houses which they later burned, then fired upon the fleeing residents. Three of the four hitchhik-

ers killed in the amhush were identified as Juanito Ocampo, 40, barangay council memher, Nathaniel Villamor, 34, and Eduardo Alviar, 30, all residents of barangay Pulong. The truck driver, Ignacio Villama, was seriously woun-

The truck carrying logs was returning to Zamboanga City from harangay Luhigan when

the armed men opened fire at

DAVAO CITY: A group of husinessmen has lauded NAIA customs collector Zafiro Respicio for adopting effective measures to minimise, if not eradicate, mulcting and extortion in the port's arrival, departure, and bag-

gage assistance areas. Through their spokesman Seneca P. Bertulfo, vicepresident for nperations of the Senber Media Systems, the husinessmen said Davaoenos "are proud of Respicio for his singular achievement of restoring the good image of the customs hureau in the airport through his consistent drive of reshuffling misfits and undesira-

hles."
"President Aquino was not mistaken in getting Respicio as NAIA collector for the confidence and trust of the public in the hureau is gradually being regained as evidenced by the absence of complaints from arriving passengers," Bertulfo said.

He noted that the collector has also refused attempts hy some of his provincemates to use the influence of his office in the facilitation of their transactions with the port's customs house. Bertulfo added that alth-

ough Respicio has incurred the wrath of some elements in the hureau, be had remained consistent in his drive to eradicate graft and corrupt practices as directed by President Aquino.

PASIG: Police P700,000 worth of "shahu" and drug parahernalia and arrested nine suspected drug pushers and users in separate raids in Las Pinas and Pasig. Reports reaching the PC

Capital Regional Command (Capcom) said the first raid was at about 6 pm at 215 Plaza St and No. 2 JB Apartment, both in Las Pinas.

The raiding team led hy Sgt Juan Vizcarra nahbed Felipe San Miguel, 50, husinessman; Antonio Leona, 34; Reynaldo Rafael, 32; Ernesto Ilagas, 41; Mario Olis, 36, tourist guide; Roberto San Miguel, 39; Disdada Escol, 37 and Elizabeth Salipdad, 16.

Seized from them were P700,000 worth of parahernalia, a .38 caliber revolver, and a .45 caliber pis-

A suspected drug pusher was arrested by men of the Metropolitan Police Field Force (MPFF) under Col Romeo Magnanto. Three grammes of shahn and other drug parahernalia were seized from Rivera, Capcom said.

All raids were carried out with search warrants. The suspects were taken to police and Capeom headquarters for further interrogation.

MANILA: Department of Agrarian Reform (DAR) employees staged a rally against acting Agrarian Reform Secretary Florencio Abad for his alleged favouritism and incompetence.

The employees, led by staff members of DAR general services division, said not one DAR official looked into

their complaints.

Ahad is reportedly in Cotabato, and his top aides were said to be absent.

The DAR employees assailed the non-payment of

their salaries for the past two months and the dismissal of employees for unknown reasons.

MANILA: Magotteaux Far East Pte Ltd held a seminar on new developments in grinding technology in cement manufacturing plants at the Hotel Nikko Manila Garden. Gov. Ricardo Gloria of the

Board of Investments (BOI) and Dr Magdaleno
Albarracia of the Philippine
Cement Corporation (Philcemcor) were discussants. The Magotteaux panel includes Jules Spede, director for Far East operation; Christian Delcour, area manager; and Stephen Plapied, industrial engineer, the tipics are "How to Reach Maximum Output of a Tube Mill. "How to Reduce the Specific Power Consumption in a Tube Mill," and "How to Get the Best Efficiency Out of a Tube Mill." The seminar's focus is on an

increased cement production and yield and the corollary reduced power consumption in mills, easing cement shortage in the country, a procedure practised in Korea and other parts of the world.

Endossy corner

Ambassador Tamano honours Manuel Yan in reception

MANILA Hotel, Feh 26, 1990:

"Ladies and Gentlemen: I take this pleasant opportunity to express the deepest appreciation of our Omeaa organising committee honouring the Acting Foreign Minister, Gen. Manuel Yan with your esteemed — presence. The ambassadors to OIC member countries are acknowledging with deep-respect the exemplary leadership of undersecretary Manuel Yan in making the Conference-Workshop a great suc-

Indeed, may I reiterate that the Conference-Workshop through the interest and support of Secretary Manglapus and undersecretary Yan has achieved important positive results during the last few days. There is a new hope, that our monitoring team can accomplish a positive success in the forthcoming OIC con-ference to be held in Cairo; the usual threat of chairman Nur Misuari of the MNLF can again, be effectively thrwarted for the interest and national security of

our country. It is our hopes that as we return to our respective posts abroad, the participants through the knowledge and experience ference-Workshop can strengthen our friendship and close cooperation with the countries we are accredited to, in the context of the basic objectives of mutual

interest, respect and dignity. .We look forward that in the forthcoming meeting of the Organisation of Islamic Conference of foreign ministers to be held in Cairo, our possible presence can contribute constructively, in defending and making more achievements for our just causes for international peace and solidarity.

It is therefore, for us to shift our diplomatic strategy to high gear and solve the problems of our country especially on the economic and trade aspects. One of the solutions, I imagine, is contained in the dramatic accomplishments we have just completed during the last few days of our recent Conference

Let us not destort history to suit our selfish ends. Let us be Workshop.

men in order to protect and preserve the peace and solidarity

we hope to attaining.
Last June 20, 1989, Secretary Manglapus delivered his classic lecture before our faculty and

students in Jeddah, K.S.A. In his historic remarks he pointed out that in our country today, "Islam is no longer an isolated reality." It is a national concern because Philippine history is indeed, resplendent with Arab-Muslim reality. This is the reason why in the K.S.A. and Gulf states, the Filipino contract worker is now considered the No. 1 expatriate community, according to a recently-con-cluded research undertaken hy the Stanford Research Inter-

national. In the conduct of our foreign relations we have gained a hreakthrough, first, the effective information-drive on the peace policy of President Corazon C. Aquino on her concern to set up the autonomous structures of what is now the Muslim Mindanao autonomous region indeed the new "morning star" rising to enlighten the expected development and progress of the Filipino Muslims in the southern Philippines. This drive is hasically premised on the "national recognition of and respect for Islam as

part of the Filipmo herigate." Second, is the recognition by our government for the state of Palestine, accomplished by no other than, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs Raul S. Manglapus. Undoubtedly, the Philippines won the goodwill of the Arah and Muslim international community. In return, it is also expected that Palestine and other friends of the Philippines in the OIC countries, shall not support the bid of the MNLF for secession and dismemberment of the country that we love-most as our

Third, as we are emerging on the decade of the nineties, let us make a firm resolution to enhance the marketing of our Philippine products abroad especially in the so-called OIC countries and work hard for their investment in our country such as the putting-up of oil refineries, the production of Muslim "hala!" foods, and above-all, the protection of foreign visitors, especially in areas of trade and investment in the Muslim Mindanao autonomous region.

It is perhaps also, an objective

of our successful Conference-Workshop "the expansion of our information service," especially in the non-distortion of accurate materials as expounded hy Secretary Manglapus in his development diplomacy policy statement. We hope, that in the areas of the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) a Trade and Investment Information Centre can he established with a Muslim-Filipino media man who is knowledgeable of the Arah and Muslim mind to be the exemplary head. In this context the main objective, is, to promote a non-confrontation strategy and a personalised diplomacy in winning the help and support of our Arah and Muslim hrothersin-Islam. It is for this reason, that a Filipino-Muslim ournalism expert need tapping to man the proposed IIC preferably for start, in Kuwait City.

In search for "tools of reform" for our demarche, during the recently-concluded Conference-Workshop, we are deeply

1. Secretary Jose C. Concepcion. Jr for his plan to visit soonest the Gulf states if not the other OIC countries, come July of this year, 1990; 2. To Secretary Ruben Torres of the Department of Labour

and Employment Overseas for his very sincere announcement to assist the "unsung heroes" of our country, today, the FCWS overseas; the constructive inputs suggested by Achacoso Sarmiento, Imson, Ms Dacanay, Ms Mangahas, ete;

3. The armed forces of the Philippines for the very timely briefing hy Gen. Gavino, and for his appreciation of my past World War II services;

4. To Secretary Edilberto de

Jesus of the Peace Commission.

Office of the President, for giving

us much-needed inputs on the

important roles of the armed forces of the Philippines.

5. The Office of Muslims Affairs through Datu Abdullah Camlian, deputy undersecretary of OMA on the need for their office to be tapped for more laudable roles in making the OMA functional especially in the context of Filipino-Muslim wel-

6. And a host of other distinguished personalities worthymentioning in this mostesteemed gathering particularly Prof. Dr Enrique P. Syquia, our most outstanding international law expert, whose candidature for distinguished membership in the International Court of Jus-

tice we all hope to lohby support. Last, but not the least, is the exemplary leadership and able advise nurtured always to all of us by Amhassador Pacifico Castro, in reaching a super-ordinate goal for the success of the lastconcluded Conference-Work-

l thank you.



Ambassador Tamano delivering his apeech.

EVENTS



The winners



George Nasar

First Kuwait Strongman Competition

ON Friday, March 9, 1990 Messilah Beach Hotel organised Kuwait's first Strongman Competition. The event was sponsored by Khalifa Al Jassim Company. It was a day filled

with excitement and fun.

Ten strong, able bodied men competed to win the title. Each participant had to participate in one of the 6 events scheduled to show off their muscle power and techniques. Win-

ners were chosen for each event.

1. Weight toss - (a tie): 1. Hakim Toumi.
Representing Algedria and Holder of Title—
"Arab & African champion in hammer throw". 2. Mahmoud Ahmed Abul. Title: Kuwait Champion — Shot put — Friendship & Peace Games Champion — shot put.

2. Engine Lift: George Nassar. Title: Kuwait under 90 k weight lifting champion.
3. Truck Load: Abdullah Mohammer. Title:

Mr. Palestine & Mr. Kuwait. 4. Truck Pull: Akram Abdul Rassool. From Lebanon — known as "Akram Harb"

5. Endurance: Nabil Al-Safaday. Power lift-

ing trainer at Qadsiya Sports Club. 6. Bench Press: Nabil Al-Safady. The overall titles for the "Kuwait's Stron-

gest Men — 1990" were won by:
Akram Abdul Rassool — First place; Abdullah Mohammed — Second place; Nabil Al-Safady - Third place.

During the day there were other daring displays by Fahmi Derbas who pulled a car with

his right ear. Fahmi Derbas has already been up and down the Kuwait Tower five times. He has also beer up the Empire State Building three times. He is also a trainer in the Qadsiva Sports Club.

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MORNING

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9.30 The Opening and Holy

9.50 Cartoon Serial 10.15 Magazine D'Actualite

4.00 The Opening and Holy

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Cartoons

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Programme

Local News

12.00 News Summary 12.05 The World Today via

Satellite 12.30 Holy Quran and

KTV2

Closedown

New In Arabic

7.00 Varieties

Quran The World Today via

Satellite (repetition) Saham Al Fadha: Car-

Wa Qalat Al Arab:

Historical Serial

7.15 The Agricultural Magazine: Local

Programme
7.45 Diwaniyat Shuara Al

8.30 Good Evening and

late night feature

6.00 Opening Announce-ment & Holy Quran .6.10 The New Three Stooges. A cartoon

series for children

The Beachcombers.

"Twice the pleasure" Constable John enlists

Nick and Jesse's to

Lil Adala Wajh Akhar: 'Arabic Serial (part 5) Ghosn Al Ban: Arabic

(repetition) Cultural Programme

A special show was put on by the Kyoku-shinkai karate team. The team displayed various self-defence techniques, including various breaking techniques using two centimetre thick wooden boards. The team has secured the 2nd and 3rd positions in Ibouz Oyama open knockdown championship held in Budapest, Hungary in 1988.

Other side shows and children's games took place in the garden area, in addition to a raffle draw on the entry tickets.

The hotel would also like to extend its appreciation to the companies who participated in the success of the day:

Khalifa Al Jassim Co.

- Jashanmal & Partners Ltd.

- Winston Cigarettes - Photo & Cine Equipment Co. Ltd.

— Sea Sports Club - Al Sulaibikhat Sports Club

-T.E.C. Entertainment City — Al Rawdatain Water Bottling Co.

-Ideal Home - Liverstock Transport & Trade Co. Kuwait International Hotel

- Isostar

- Nestle-Milo (Al Gharabally Group)



David Bau

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

SAS Hotel

EXHIBITION of water colour and oil paintings as well as stained glass at the lobby until March 20.

Sultan Gallery
INDIAN artist Shamima Farid is showing a collection of her latest works at the Sultan Gallery, near Rolls Royce showroom. A wide selection of subjects are featured in the

paintings of the artist, who has exhibited widely in Kuwait and overseas. However, this is Shamima's first solo-exhibition in Kuwait. Open daily from 9 am to 1 pm and 4 to 8 Watercolours of Arabia

Recent watercolours hy Patricia Millns on exhibition at the studio, the Tareq Rajah Museum, Jahriya, Saturday thru Thursday 9.30 to 12 and 4.30 to 8 pm, from March 6 to 20, 1990. Tel: 5315397: or 5318060.

SOCIAL

Holl — Festival of Colours THE IAC is celehrating the festival of colours to commemorate the coming of Spring on Thurs 22nd March at Funaitees with a suitable programme. Members and their guests are requested to contact the IAC office (3904817), Sharma (2644863), Raman (3903879), Mathews (4343329), Srivastava (4898162) or Munshi (2423740) for details and passes. Because of limitations, passes are available on first-come-firstserve basis.

Ladies International League of Kuwalt upcoming evants LIL Desert Picnic on Friday,

March 23, 1990. Members and their guests. For further information and tickets please contact Barhara on 5325131. Deadline for tickets is March 17.

Danialis Desert Rally The annual family rally for Danes will take place on Friday, March 23. For registrauon, please call Henrik — Tel: 3727688/92 ext. 246.

Kuwait Littla Theatre KUWAIT Little Theatre presents "Oh Clarence", a comedy hy John Chapman, adapted from the books of P.G. Wodehouse. Gala Night is on March 19, 1990, at 7.30 pm with other performances on March 20, 21 and 22 at 8.00 pm. Tickets can be booked by phoning 3919759.

Badesik Picnic

Bangladesh Diploma Engineers' Society in Kuwait (Badesik) has organised its annual picnic to be held in Mangal family beach on March 23. The events included the prize distribution of recently completed indoor games and the children sports to be played on the spot. Bangladesh Ambassador to Kuwait K.M. Shehahuddin will be the chief

All Badesik member's are requested to contact general secretary Khalilur Rahman on tele 4330025 for more details.

Summer Affair '90

THE Weekend Club will host their traditional "Summer Affair" on the first day of Eid Al Fitr (April 26) at the Regency Palace Hotel. Watch or participate in the selection and crowning of the 1990 Summer Queen, join in a Jive Contest, watch a scintillating display of "Lambada" or simply let your feet loose to the music of Top Ranks and Perfect Strangers. Gala huffet, loads of prizes and most important have a good time. For reservations call 4315425 (Julio), 5741380 or 4890566.

Shakespeare'a Macbeth

THE London Shakespeare Group, who have already received rave reviews for their performance of Macbeth in Bahrain, Doha, Muscat and the Emirates, will perform at the Kuwait English School, Salwa on March 21 and 22. 1990 at 8 pm and on March 23, 1990, at 6 pm. The cast includes professional actors and actresses with classical backgrounds, who have appeared at the London's prestigious National Theatre, various West End theatres, television and radio. All seats are numbered, and can be reserved by ringing 5740256/ 7, 5625316, 5718143 or 5731782.

"Drama"

BANDHAN Nattya Chakra," Kuwait, a Bengali Drama Group, is going to per-form its third stage show a Bengali Drama hy the name "Boudir Beeay" on 22nd March Thursday 1990 at 5 pm in the Starlight Theatre hall of Doha Entertainment City,

Kuwait.
The Amhassador of Bangladesh in Kuwait, K.M. Schabuddin will be the chief

guests. For entry cards, please contact the following persons: Abdur Rah, tel: 4316823, Jasim Uddin, tel: 2420484, Vidco A to Z, tel: 3924320.

British Council

Children's Books of the Year 1989 Exhibition: March 10-22 at the gallery. An exhibition of award-winning British published books arranged by The British Council in association with the Kuwait Bookshops Co. Ltd. Orders of books on display may be ordered through the Kuwait Bookshops which will also offer other British-published books at special prices.

Please book seats hy calling 2515512, 2533204, 2533227.

Bangladesh get-together A NUMBER of Bangladeshi families will hold a spring gettogether at the Rawda Park,

Damascus Street on March 23. The day-long programme, which starts at 8 am, will include children's games, ladies

and gents games and bingo. For details, contact telephone 3725312, 4315352, 4715734, or 3713923.

Konkani non-stop show

A Konkani non-stop show entitled Koxtt Ani Sontos (Hardships & Happiness), written and directed by Epa de Utorda, organised by Utorda Lourdes Boys will be staged on July 6, 1990 at 3.30 pm. Venue: Labour Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli.

For more information contact 4817857.

APPROB

ASSOCIATION of Pakistani Professionals and Businessmen (Approh) is holding a seminar to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of Pakistan Resolution. Javed labal, the son of the renowned Muslim philosopher and poet, Allama Mohammad Iqbal and a retired justice of Pakistan Supreme Court will preside over the seminar at Sheraton Hotel on March 25th.

Dr. lqbal will read a research paper on "the struggle to ohtain a separate Muslim homeland hetween Allama ighal's Allahbad address of 1930 and the Resolution of Pakistan in 1940." Mrs. Iqbal, a law graduate from the Harvard University and law professor at the University of Punjah, will speak on "the role of Muslim women in society as envisaged hy Jinnah and lqhal." A number of research papers on the Pakistan movement and the ideology of Pakistan will also be read at the seminar to be attended hy diplomats and prominent per-

sonalities. Approh will also hold an evening with Dr Iqbal and his wife on March 24th at the residence of Iqbal Latif to acquaint Pakistani children in Kuwait about the ideology of Pakistan. Dr Iqbal will meet the Pakistani community at the Pakistan embassy on March 26. For further details, contact

5323751. Rose Fren's drama

Approp:

MAY 10-11: Expatriates Club proudly announces that Goa's celebrated king of century shows Rose Ferns, and his sixteen member troupe, will present at the Granada Cinema hall, Kheitan, his premier release in Kuwait "Xinxe" (Broken Glass) and "Beiman Tum" (You Ungrateful) which has already crossed the hun-dred plus mark in Goa. More details later.

British Council FOR advice about studying "A" levels or diplomas in many

different subjects: come and meet Adrian Gaunt of Solihull International College on March 18, from 5.00 - 8.00 pm in the Education Office at The British Council, 2, Al Arabi St. Mansouriyah. No need to make any appointment, just drop hy! We look forward to seeing you.

Do you want to learn English in Britain or maybe you know someone who does? If so, come along the Education Office at The British Council on Monday March 19 or Tuesday March 20. We will be showing videos about language schools in Britian and giving away lots of information about courses, fees, accommodation etc. All

are welcome! Children's Books of the Year 1989 Exhibition — March 10-22 at The British Council Gallery.

Wednesday, March 21, 6.00 pm — Film showing: Asterix in Britain, The Movie. Go back, far hack in time when the Britons stopped fighting for a tea hreak at 4.00 pm and everyone drank hot water with a little milk because tea hadn't been discovered yet. (75 min).
Thursday, March 22, 10.30
am. Story Time by a profes-

sional story teller. Please book seats by calling el. 2515512; 2533204; 2533227.

HOTELS

An interesting 8 week course in patchwork and quilting techniques. For details contact Tel. 5634663.

AL GHAZEER: Sails again and offers you a unique experience of the old seafaring Kuwaiti tradition. We

prepared special menus you can enjoy onboard. Available for half day or full day trip. For reservation, pls. call 5657000

AL BOOM: The only floating restaurant in town. Magnificent array of mezze delicious Arabic hor's d'oeuvres together with wide range of international appetizers and salads. Choose your main course from succulent varieties of charcoal grilled delicacies — prime American beef, Gulf lobster, hamour or zubedi. Enjoy your della at the diwania overlooking the sea. For reservation pls call 5657000 ext. 403 or 540.

PEACOCK Room: Our Chinese chef recommends fried prawns with turnips and chilli sauce, crispy fried smoked beef and wide varieties of selections from our chef's recommendations or take your pick from our menu of delightful Chinese cuisine. Make your early reservation, pls. call 5657000 ext 532 or 403.

BISTERETTO: Italian speciality restaurant which also offers international and Arabic dishes. Lunch and dinner buffet daily. Family day every Friday with brunch huffet for the whole family or let your children choose their favourites from our children's menu. Reserve your table now, pls. call up 5657000 ext 531.

CLOCK: Drive in restaurant offers varieties of mouthwatering fast food items juicy burgers, hot french fries, crispy drumsticks, and lot more plus softdrinks and juices. Le Meridien

AL WAHA Cafe features

Crepe Festival until 22nd March. Crepes (thin pancakes) are prepared in front of the guest at a special counter. Choice of dessert fillings include fruit salad with cream custard and strawberry sauce, sliced fruit with orange sauce, strawberry with whipped cream, melha sauce and almond, and sliced banana with chocolate sauce. Choice of topping include chocolate, honey, jam or marmalade, maple syrup and chantilly cream.

Al Fingan Tea Lounge will feature Bananarama Festival from 18th until 22nd March. One can have a variety of choices of mouthwatering banana sweets such as banana fritters with honey, banana tarte, banana tartelettes, chocolate banana and banana charlotte. Special banana drinks include banana milk shake and banana strawberry cocktail. One can also enjoy our special banana split ice cream.

Kuwait international Hotel FIT FOR LIFE: Qualified Austrian masseur specialising in foot relexology, acupressure, athletic and relaxation massage available everyday. Tennisclinics on-going for all levels of play including Junior, Ladies' and Adult sessions with Frank Novak — an experienced Can-adian coach and tennis professional. Classes total 4 weeks in length and meet twice each week. Private coaching also available and fun tennis sessions for the family. Ladies' Keep Fit Classes on Sundays. Tuesdays and Thursdays. Ladies' Sauna now offers a 50 per cent discount on the usual entrance fee. Ladies' Day on Saturdays and Tuesdays from 9.00 am to 9.00 pm. For details pleace call: 2530000/8050

(Recreation). Le Meridien VERSAILLES: Take advantage of our great value husiness lunch which includes starter, main course, dessert

and coffee. Or in relaxing atmosphere provided by our resident artist you can relish the finest cuisine from our A La Carte menu, which features specialities from our chef as fish or beef "fondue," grilled beef on "hras-serade" hammour and salmon on "shingle" among others.

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and dreamy Greek island specialities and atmosphere. INDONESIAN CORNER:

cuisine in addition to our daily in front of you.

JAZZ NIGHT: Every Thur-

find the mother of twin baby girl left in the back of the cruiser. Someone eise is looking for the desperate young woman.
7.00 Beyond The Roaring

Forests. A look at beautiful sceneries in two islands near New Zealand where strange animals, hirds and trees are found.

8.30 Midnight Caller Mac advises a woman to leave her maritai home due to her husband's illtreatment. His colleague's son considers that this advise can be applied

to his case...
9.30 Coach. "19 Candles" Hyden celebrates his daughter's nighteenth birthday anniversary. He is surprised when she comes to the party with her boy-friend

Stewart!!! 10.00 Q.E.D. My Best Friend's Computer. A. look at computer games, programmes and new educational

and technical methods adopted in this field. 10.30 Bestseller. A Tale Of Two Cities. Dr. Manette has been imprisoned in the notorious Bastille. His daughter cannot believes that her father still alive. Five years later, Dr. Manette accompanies his danghter mto the courtroom where she is a witness. In the. dock Charles Darney is accused of passing secret information to the king of France. 12.00 News in Brief 12.15 Magazine D'Actualité

Al Hamra

Arabic film

North Shore

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Mera Farz

Man of Fire

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Like Father Like Son

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NIGHT CHEMIST

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Jaber Al Mubarak St. Hawali & Nagra Haditha Pharmacy Drive in

Ibn Khaldoun St. Al Feda Pharmacy

Khansan St. Adel Pharmacy

Kbeitan-Ghazwa Pharmacy Old Kheitan

Al Najah Pharmacy

PRAYERS

Fajr Zohr 4.35 am 11.56 3.23 pm 5.58

GREEK TAVERNA: Every Tuesday at La Brasserie -Enjoy a little Mediterranean Magic, real Bouzouki music

Every Wednesday at La Brasserie — Enjoy indonesian lavish huffet. Our chef will prepare Indonesian specialities

sday at La Brasscrie — Enjoy

New Orleans atmoshere with

jazz and seafood specialities.

ORIENTAL BUFFET LUNCH: Every Friday at La Brasserie — Enjoy a typical Oriental buffet lunch with Oriental organist.

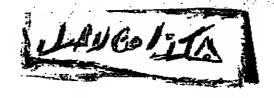
SPORTS

Daniella Bowling ALL Danes are invited to participate in the first ever Daniella Bowling Tournament on April 5, 1990, at 6 pm. For further information and regis-tration please call Connie - Tel: 3715637 or Marianne - Tel: 3720137 before March 26.



O.I.C.C. Arts and Sports wing inaugurated

Varughese Gee, first secretary of the Indian embassy, Inaugurated the Art's wing-of the Overseas Indian Cultural Congress, Mathur, the second secretary of the Indian embassy inaugurated the sports wing Kuruvilla (sports convener), Vijayakumar, Thomas Panicker, Sasidharan Nair (president) and Rajan Daniel are also seen in the picture.



BUSINESS & FINANCE



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DHL chief in Gulf

Dawn of a new business era cited

Patrick Lupo, (above) worldwide chief executive officer of air express company DHL, has arrived in the Gulf to review the significant progress of DHL's Middle East operations.

He is examining new tecbnology and service innovations which DHL is introducing throughout the Middle East region, and is due to meet with senior government officials and

Lnpo, based at DHL's world headquarters in Brussels, is visiting Dubai and Bahrain, as well as Saudi Arabia, where DHL operates in sole association with SNAS worldwide express.

Lupo said yesterday a multi-million-dollar expansion in the Gulf, citing the dawn of a new business era in the oil-ricb region. He told a news con-ference: A firm peace initiative in the Gulf war, coupled with oil price stability has seen a new tide of investment sweeping the region, bringing: renewed business development.

The company will invest \$3.7 million in more warehouses and service expansion, he said.

DHL, which stands for Dalsey Hillblom Lynn, has been based for 13 years on the central Guif island of Bahrain, a services centre for the region.

The 1980s witnessed a recession in the Gulf due to the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war and a drop in oil prices, only reversed in the last

year. "1990 marks the end of a tur-bulent decade for Gulf Sidhess and the dawn of sonewhere promising fresh opportunities in a revitalised business environment," said Lupo.

US business inventories decline

WASHINGTON, March 17. (AP): US business inventories resumed their slow growth in January after a one-month decline, the government reported Wednesday, but analysts said the 0.2 per cent gain confirms the sluggishness in the manufactur-

ing economy.

The January report is "confirming what we already know, that the area of manufacturing is beginning to slow," said econ-omist Thomas Runiewicz of the Wefa group of Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania.

"We're starting to see rises in paper and chemicals and a lot of basic commodities that are used daily throughout the whole manufacturing industry," he said.
"What we're seeing is that as the industry slows down, the demand for commodities slows

The Commerce Department said inventories totalled a seasonally adjusted \$795.9 billion, including a steep 0.7 per cent jump in manufacturing

Inventories as a whole fell a revised 0.4 per cent in December, the first drop since a 0.1 per cent decline in October 1988 and the largest since a 0.6 per cent fall in December 1986. The December drop was originally reported to be 0.2 per cent.

. The Commerce Department also reported a 0.3 per cent increase in business sales to a seasonally adjusted \$532 billion in January after falling a revised 9.2 per cent in December.

IMF loan for Hungary

WASHINGTON, March 17, (AP): The International Monetary Fund amounced on Wednesday that it will lend Hungary \$206 million over the next year, its second loan to an eas-tern European country this year.

On Feb 5 it lent \$723 million to
Poland.

These loans are small compared with eastern European needs. Hungarian authorities have said they need to borrow \$2 billion this year. But the fund's loans are expected to open the way to more lending from governments and other sources.
They are regarded by other potennial lenders as a kind of "seal of approval" from the fund's 152 member governments. ber governments.

The week in business

US jobless rate remains stable

Industrial production up

NEW YORK, March 17, (UPI): Washington had some good news about the US economy this week with three key indicators signalling that the rate of inflation has been tempered, at least temporarily, against a backdrop

of sluggisb growth.

The Labour Department reported prices on the wholesale level remained stable in February after rising 1.8 per cent the month before.

At the same time, the Commerce Department said housing starts fell 7 per cent during the month after rising 24.7 per cent in January. New housing permits tumbled sharply last month, falling a record 25 per cent to an annual rate of 1.3 million from 1.7 million in

The annual rate of new housing construction in the United States stood at 1.5 million units in February compared with 1.6 million in January, about the

same as in February 1989. The Federal Reserve also reported industrial production rose 0.6 per cent during the month after slipping 1 per cent in January. Much of the advance was attributed to increased production of motor vehicles, hut this gain was 5 per cent below the pace of vehicle

production in December. The Federal Reserve said America's factories, mines and utilities were operating at 82.3 per cent of capacity in February, an increase of 0.3 percentage

point over January's 82 per cent. Another report said the unemployment rate remained stable in February at 5.3 per cent for the ninth consecutive month.

The government reports helped send prices up sharply on the New York Stock Exchange Friday in very heavy trading, reflecting buying linked to the "triple-witching hour" expirations.

Analysts said the expiration of March stock-index futures and options as well as options on individual stocks contributed to the late rally, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average ending the week at 2741.22, its first close above

On money markets, the dollar, vir-

tually ignoring the indicators, ended mixed Friday, shedding some of the

gains made earlier in the week. Investors were cautiously awaiting the outcome of the East German elections tomorrow to determine the respective strength of the US currency and

the Deutsche mark. In Washington, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady defended the dollar's performance Thursday and said the US eurrency was stable despite its current surge against the Japanese yen and

"I hear a lot of talk about the dollar climbing, but if you look at it over the last year and a half ... what you'll see is stability," Brady said.

other major units.

Bank of Japan Governor Yasushi Mieno disappointed world financial markets on Thursday hy giving no clear sign he would raise Japan's key interest

There was no elear indication either about the outcome of the talks held by Commerce Secretary Robert Mosbaeber and Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu on Thursday in Tokyo.

Mosbacher said Japan has finally realised the depth of US concern over trade issues and appeared ready to act to help trim the nearly \$50 billion annual US trade deficit with Japan.

Oil prices drifted down on the New York Mercantile Exchange Friday as investors awaited word from the first day of the meeting of Opec's market monitoring committee.

The 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries, which pumps more than a third of the world's crude oil, was expected to continue squabbling over world prices.

The management of Saks fifth Avenue, the p'usb retail unit of Britisb conglomerate B.A.T. Industrie. "le, made a joint offer with Japan's Tobu Department Store Co. to buy the 46store chain from its parent company.

Geoffrey Lurie, an analyst at GDL Management tnc. in New York, warned that Tohu could be just "a pioneer" in a new wave of Japanese acquisitions of troubled US retailers.

Opec wrestles with quota-busting

Kuwait comes under pressure

VIENNA, March 17, (Agencies): Kuwait came under intense pressure at Opec talks today to ease up on a sales blitz that has boosted the country's oil output far above a mandatory quota and threatened world oil prices.

Delegates said the meeting spotlighted Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sbeikh Ali Al Khalifa, even though some others in the 13nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries are also exceeding quotas.

Opec sources said the average

spot market price for a selected basket of seven key crudes this week apparently slipped below the group's agreed target of \$18 per basel for the first time this year.

Nigeria, Iraq and Iran were among cash-starved oil producers objecting to Kuwait's ggressive sales policy.
Sheikh Ali's response was not

made public by midday, but delegates speculated the talks might end with a statement including a general pledge of better quota discipline.

US oil futures ended down \$30 cents per barrel (42 US gallons)



Some delegates said Opec might have to leave Vienna with little more than some indications from Sheikh Ali thar he would reduce sales if prices stay decisively below \$18.

Opec predicts demand for its oil will drop by three million June, from recent daily output above 23.5 million barrels. April to June, between the nor-

thern hemisphere winter and the peak summer boliday motoring season when petrol demand booms, is a traditional through in demand for oil.

sena of Algeria, concedes that excess supply may cause prices to dip hut says they will recover later. A further Opec conference on pricing and output policy for the second balf of 1990 is scheduled on May 25.

During an adjournment, United Arab Emirates Oil Minister, Mana Said Al Oteiba, whose country is producing double its Opec quota of one million barrels, said he could not predict if Kuwait would pledge to cut output. Boussena said everything was

still open for discussion in the talks, which ministers boped

could end this evening.

A senior delegate said it was felt that all 13 members, not only Kuwait, should abide more strictly by quotas. But some ministers felt that the Opec secretariat was pitching its forecast of demand for Opec oil too low.

Boussena's botel suite was the site of today's informal late morning meeting, which lasted nearly four hours. Before adjourning, the ministers scheduled another round of talks for late this afternoon.

Boussena said. "We can discuss

He indicated that the officials

Boussena said the agreement hammered out last November

session, but Iranian Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh said, "there are no very serious problems at this meeting."

All nations were expected to be urged to hold production in the coming months to their output

tion will lead to softer prices in the April-June quarter when warmer weather dampens demand in the United States and other consuming nations.

Opec nations will have to rein in production by some 3 million

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-All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-

were exchanging views in advance of a key may meeting during which they will set new production ad pricing guidelines for the last six months of the year.

for the first hlf of 1990 remained in place. "We are still abiding by the resolution," he said.

No date has been set for a final

Some worry surging produc-

barrels a day in the next few mon-ths to bold it to the level of demand estimated by the organ-

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EEC told to lift tariffs

agreement with the EEC.

ehemicals and aluminium.

European official.

tariffs scheme before it can sign a free trade

December to allow the GCC to sort out internal

industrial imbalances amongst its members.

That was postponed for another three years last

Officials from both sides said GCC states would

complain vigorously about what the Arabs saw as unfair EEC duties on their exports of petro-

Gulf countries are hoping these industries will help them break their reliance on crude oil exports. "To us it is imperative and central. To them it is

threatening and secondary," GCC Secretary General Abdullah Bishara said recently.

mainly to create a firm GCC negotiating stance ahead of what even the GCC admits will be long and

tortuous talks aimed at a free trade pact.

But EEC officials believe such remarks are meant

"It's understandable because these are their

developing industries, hut it (the trade situation) is

not really as bad as they are making it appear, "said a

possibly May this year," he added.

The French, British, and Irish foreign ministers

We will not be starting the detailed talks until

Closer co-operation needed

MUSCAT, March 17, (Agencies): Kuwait's Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed urged the European Economic Community to lift tariffs on Gulf Co-operation Council products to enhance political and economie co-operation the Kuwaiti news agency Kuna reported today.

The GCC — Saudi Arahia, Kuwait, the United

Arah Emirates, Bahrain, Qatar and Oman — have protested at continued EEC tariffs on their petrochemical and aluminium products.

"It is our right to expect the European Economic Community to open its markets to our oil and nonoil products as long as our markets are open for European products," Sheikh Sabah told the meet-

EEC products account for over 40 per cent of GCC imports and the EEC imports the bulk of its oil from the Gulf states.

Commenting on the Luxembourg pact, Sheikh Sabah said "we were optimistic that this agreement would be the beginning of a long-term co-opera-But what he called the negative attitude of

European petrochemical companies with regard to the import of such GCC products had not helped, Kuma quoted him as saying.
The Muscat meeting said closer co-operation was

required to solve outstanding disputes and reach a free trade pact. Teams from both sides are scheduled to meet

probably in May to start detailed trade negotiations, EEC officials said. But the GCC must agree its own internal unified and possibly others will attend the one-day meeting on behalf of the EEC.

It is the first ministerial meeting between the two economic and political blocs arranged as part of a series of contacts under a stage-by-stage trade pact signed in 1988.

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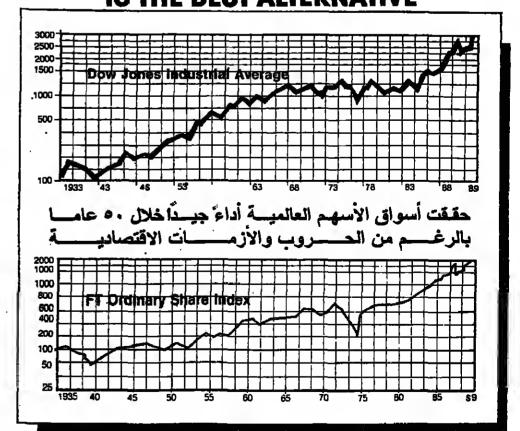
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Interventions lead to increase in activity Kt Finance House

THE Alshall index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday, Mar 14, 1990 an average of 40.28 points with an increase of 1.09 point — 2.78 per cent — over last week's average of Wednesday, Mar 7, 1990. The Alshall index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 64.66 points with an increase of 0.18 points — 0.28 per cent — for the same period, according to Al Shall weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 51.91 million shares at a daily average of 10.38 million shares with an increase of 95 per cent over the previous week's daily average of 5.31 million

shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 1.02 million shares at a daily average of 0.204 million shares with a decrease of 83 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.216 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD22.27 million at a daily average of KD4.45 million, an increase of 145 per cent over last week's daily average of KD1.82 million.

The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD0.045 million at a daily average of KD0.009 million, a decrease of 81 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.047 million. For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector came first at 63 per cent of total trading against 47 per cent last week. The National Bank of Kuwait had the lead at 39 per cent, followed by

The Gulf Bank at 15 per cent and The Commercial Bank at 12 per The Real Estate Sector came third at 12 per cent in which Pearl of Kuwait Real Estate Company bad the lead at 79 per cent followed by United Reality Company at 16 per cent and Kuwait Real Estate Company at 56 per cent. As for the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Bahrain International Bank had the lead at 51 per cent, followed by The Arabian General Investment Company

(SHUA'A) at 49 per cent. The market gave signs of activity which was reflected on five of the six indices in both markets. However, the increase in activity was more pronounced in the Kuwaiti market which is considered as more important than the non-Kuwaiti market.

This increase in activity is mainly related to the fact that market investors tended to deal in few companies shares which they believed will increase in prices especially after the recent declarations of the Central Bank of Kuwait which allowed debtors under the declaration of the central Bank of Kuwait which allowed debtors under the debt settlement programme the trading in their assets which are presented as collateral to banks and the willingness of the Guif Bank to finance investments in the local shares market.

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Kuwait Inv. Co.	8.72	9.18	-0.46	
Kt. Int. Inv. Co.	8.59	8.59	_	
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National Inv.	55.88	55.88	_	
Kt. lnv. Proj.	89.89	89.89	_	
Coast Inv. & Dev.	85.88	89.41	-3.53	
Sector Index	31.65	31.70	-0.05	
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Kt. Ins. Co.	35.88	35.88	_	
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Al Ahleia Ins.	50.84	50.84	_	
Warba Ins. Co.	50.69	50.69	_	
Sector Index	35.74	35.74		
Real Est. Sec.				
Kt. Real Est.	12.11	12.11		
Utd. Realty	5.35	5.22	0.12	
Nat. Real Est.	39.42	39.42	1.50	
Pearl of Kt.	63.49	61.90	1.59	
Sector Index	15.33	15.17	0.16	
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Kt. Cmt. Co.	10.22	11.45	-1.23	
Ref. Ind.	82.36	84.55	-2.20	
Gulf Cables	113.13	108.60	4.53	
Kt. Pharm.	60.44	60.44		
Sector Index	28.76	29,34	-0.58	
Services Sector				
Kt. Cmptr. Co.	131.76	140.40	-8.64	
Kt. Cinema Co.	7.61	7.61		
Pub. W'housg Co.	61.62	59.60	2.02	
Kt. Comm. M.Co.	35.45	35.91	-0.46	
M. Tele. Syst.	357.14	352.38	4.76	
Sector Index	59.60	58.90	0.70	
Food Sector				
L, Trad. & Transp.	29.29	29.29	_	
	11.05	11.05		
Utd Fisheries	110.01	110.01		
Kt. Utd Poultry	75.86	73.56	2.30	
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BUSINESS

Taiwanese minister for Indonesia

JAKARTA, March 17, (UPI): Taiwan's Minister of Economy Chen Li-An was expected to arrive in Jak-arta tonight leading an official delegation to discuss the strengthening of trade and investment between the two countries, an official said. Chen, the highest-ranking Taiwan

official to visit Indonesia since the early 1970s, will attend a meeting on energy and discuss bilateral trade with Indonesian officials, an official of the Chinese Chamber of Com-

High-ranking economic officials and executives of Taiwan's state-owned China Petrochemical Development Corp., China Steel Corp, will be among the members of the delegation invited by Indonesia's Mines and Energy Minister Ginandjar Kartasasmita

Chen will also discuss investments and co-operation projects, the

Chen will attend the first shipment of liquefied natural gas imported by Taiwan. Under a 20-years contract signed in 1986, Taiwan will receive 1.5 million tonnes of LNG from Indonesia annually and will seek supplies of mineral, industrial and

agricultural raw materials.

Although both countries do not have diplomatic relations, trade between Indunesia and Taiwan has increased gradually, and amounted to \$1.6 billion last year.

Taiwan's investments in Indonesia run at \$880 million in 1988, one fifth of the \$4.4 billion in foreign invest-ment commitments for that year. Taiwanese investments in Indonesia recorded \$1.2 billion in more than 40

projects in 1989. Earlier this year Indonesian and Taiwanese businessmen signed a memorandum of understanding providing for the establishment of ozens of Taiwanese factories and the training of local workers.

Indonesia is expected to normalise diplomatic relations with China late this year or early on 1991 ending more than twenty years of rupture.

Jakarta broke diplomatic relanons with Beijing in 1967 after accusing China of backing a failed com-munist coup attempt in 1965 that led to the downfall of President Suharno. China has steadfastly den-

ied the allegation. However, cabinet ministers reaffirmed that the normalisation of the diplomatic ties should not affect

British Airways introduces fourth class

LONDON, March 17, (AP): British Airways has introduced a fourth class for airline passen-

A British Airways spokes-woman said Wednesday the early response to economy select. available on flights from London to Dallas and Houston, has been very positive.

Economy select, for passengers paying the full price of econseparate check-in, advance seat reservations, and seats that will recline 3 inches (8 cms) more than those in economy class, the airline said.

The eight-month trial programme began Feh 1 after extensive research, said the spokeswoman, adding that as far as they know British Airways is the first airline to introduce a fourth

"Today companies send their executives on full economy fares, which cost more than promotional fares hut which have the full flexibility they need for husiness," said Liam Strong, British Airways marketing direc-

"The expectations of passengers who pay £794 (\$1,290) for a round trip ticket to Dallas ... will ohviously differ from those of leisure passengers travelling on these routes for as little as £299 (\$484) round trip," Strong said.

Bright forecast for Gulf economy

KUWAIT, March 17, (Kuna): The Middle East Financial Directory's (MEFD) 13th edition was published in Kuwait to be circulated on time for the convention bere on March 18-19 nf the MEFD-sponsored conference on "Gulf banking and finance," the MEFD said.

in an introductory note, the MEFD publisher noted that the Arah world, particularly the GCC countries, will gain more economic strength in the '90s with brighter nutlook for oil prices and ceasefire in

the Iraq-Iran war.
"Their banks will become more sophisticated and certainly grow in

assets," it went on, in an advance copy handed to Kuna.

For that reason, the London-based MEFD company decided to print its publication in Kuwait to be closer to Middle East financial news.

Proced in Kurwait the publication Based in Kuwait, the publication will be able to ensure "faster updates and field research in monitoring Middle East banking trends," the MEFD underlined.

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India's GDP growth slows

Employment-oriented strategy urged

By Thomas Abraham

Arab Times correspondent NEW DELHI, March 17: India's annual pre-budget economic survey has called for pre-pudget economic survey has easied for an employment-oriented strategy that com-bines growth with equity, a trade policy that aims at rapid export growth to reduce exter-nal payments deficit and a fiscal policy that increases savings and contains inflationary

The survey, presented to parliament by Finance Minister Madhu Dandavate, hints that the development strategy pursued so far cannot be sustained. Macro-economic imbalances on fiscal and external account bave begun to exact their toll on the overall

economic performance, it says.

According to the survey, the performance of the economy during 1989-90 shows signs of slowdown in growth in output. There has been some deceleration in the industrial growth rate. Agricultural production has not increased much beyond the peak levels reached in the previous year.

Prices have remained under pressure des-

pite a normal monsoon and the position on the external front has continued to be difficult inspite of buoyance in exports and a slowdown in the growth of imports.

The survey says that while the agricultural production may show only a marginal improvement, the increase in industrial production is also unlikely to exceed 6 per cent. As such, GDP (gross domestic product) growth may be around four to 4.5 per cent, much below the level of 10.4 per cent recorded in the previous year and even lower than the average growth rate of around 5.9 per cent during the first four years of the seventh plan.

The survey also points to a stagnanon in the savings rate.

Agricultural production this year is of oilseeds, jute and tea is likely to register

The survey says there has been a slow down of industrial growth during 1989-90, with the index of industrial production recording a growth of only 5.2 per cent during the first eight months as compared with 9.4 per cent during the corresponding period last war. This is essentially attribuable to the poor

performance of the manufacturing sector, mining and quarrying and electricity has performed significantly better during the The performance of key infrastructure

sectors in the first three quarters presents a mixed picture. Electricity generation, crude petroleum and petroleum products, coal and lignite production, shipping and com-munications sectors recorded substantial growth. There was also a modest improvement in the revenue earning traffic of the railways but there bas been some deceleration in the production of saleable steel, cement and phosphane fertilisers. The deceleration has been marked in a few

key industries like sugar, steel, cement, fertilisers, cotton, commercial vehicles and According to the survey, the price situa-non has remained under pressure from the beginning of the year, despite a satisfactory monsoon and a bumper crop for the second

year in succession. The wholesale price index rose by seven per cent upto February this year, as compared to five per cent in the corresponding period of the last financial year, the annual rate of inflation works out to 7.7 per cent compared with 5.3 per cent last year, however, in terms of consumer price index, in the increase in prices works out to 5.5 per cent up to January, lower than the 7.8 per cent recorded in the corresponding period last year.

The survey said fiscal imbalances are a major source of the current macro economic problems. The secular pressures on govern-ment expenditure have sharpened in recent years and the pattern of financing bas been years and the pattern of manding has been substantially different from what was anticipated in the medium term perspectives outlined in the seventh plan and the long term fiscal policy.

The union budget for 1989-90 had sought

to correct the growing onbalances between revenues and expenditures. However, the actual outcome is likely to be worse than the budget estimates. The budget deficit was programmed at Rs 7.337 crores amounting to 1.7 per cent of GDP. However, the increase in net RBI credit to central government bas been running well above this level for greater part of the year. The large deficits incurred in recent years have been met by borrowing and the debt of the central government has necessarily increased. Interest payments now account for a substantial part of the budger. The net interest burden in the of the budget. The net interest burden in the central budget has gone up from 3.6 per cent of total expenditure in 1980-81 to 10.1 per

According to the survey there has been steady decline in the proportion of expen-

diture on capital formation from over 40 per cent in mid 80s tn 34.7 per cent in 1989-90. On the other hand, transfer payments from the central government to the states and nther sectors of the economy have increased sharply from 31 per cent to 40 per cent in the same period. The share of consumption expenditure bas fluctuated within the range of 21-23 per cent. Defence expenditure accounts for about 70 per cent of government consumption expenditure.

The survey also points out that the growing imbalances in the fiscal system did not stem from any let up in government resource mobilisation: rather it was due to increase in government expenditure which in turn was financed by larger borrowings and the bud-

India's balance of payments situation remained under considerable pressure dur-ing 1989-90. Provisional data available upto December 1989 indicate that exports hav-recorded an increase of 38.3 per cent while imports have registered relatively a slow growth of 20.7 per cent, in terms of rupees. Significantly, the trade deficit of Rs 5,518 crore in the first nine months declined by 16.4 per cent.

According to the survey, the strains on balance of payments have been particularly severe since 1988-89. Several adverse medium term factors bave contributed to this situation. They include the declining self-sufficiency in production consumption of crude oil and petroleum products from the peak attained in 1984-85, the steady erosion of surpluses in invisibles account in financing the trade deficit, the unfavourable climate in concessional assistance and a bunching of debt service payments on past borrowings from diverse external sources, including the IMF.

The strain on BOP is reflected in the depletion of India's foreign exchange reserves which stood at Rs 5,531 crore at the end of January, 1990.

The government has been attaching high

importance to an improvement in the BOP situation through acceleration of export growth, efficient importsubstitution, reduction of exportant languages. tion of procedural bordenecks to exports and improvements in infrastructural facilities for exports.

The survey points out that in view of the large overhang of liquidity and rapid growth of money supply during the present decade, the potential for intensification of inflationary pressure is real. In combating inflation the scope for manoeuvrability is limited on the supply side due to reduced stocks of food and foreign exchange reserves. The solution has to be sought principally on the demand-side, with particular attention being devoted to correcting the underlying fiscal imbalances. This requires a multipronged approach of encompassing tight budgeting and control over public expenditure, substantial hroadening of the tax base and improvement in the yield of collections from existing taxes along with much better physical and financial performance of public sector enterprises. The resolution of government fiscal problems will require arduous efforts and difficult decision on the

expenditure front. On the revenue side, the basis approach must be to increase the yield from taxes.

Apart from fiscal imhalances, the mbalances in external account have co ued to be an area of concern during the 80s: Despite the strong performance of exports in recent years the pressures on BOF are expected to continue over the duration of the 5th pian. The viability of the BOP in the medium term will be critically dependent on rapid and sustained growth in export

Policies necessary to assure such perform es and values. mance, according to the survey, must command the highest priority. At the same time mand the migration tax and trade policies in a manner which discourages importances sive industrallisation and fosters comomically efficient import substitution.

Necessary adjustments in the BOP must be achieved without sacrificing the base objective of equitable and self-reliant economic.

development.

The survey recognises that broad based agricultural development is fundamental to the central task of poverty alleviation in India's programme of planned economic

development.

The eighth plan is expected to according to priority to rapid expansion of productive employment, consistent with the fundament tal challenge of poverty alleviation. Available evidence suggests that the acceleration of the growth in the 80s has not been marched hy a corresponding acceleration, in

employment:

A labour intensive pattern of industrial and agricultural development which is desirable for both equity and efficiency reasons will also require substantial expansion of infrastructure facilities in areas in a as energy transportation, irrigation and telecommunication. Because of scale and technological factors some of these investments will necessarily be capital intensa

Gulf keen to lower tariff barriers

GCC-EEC urged to set up marketing authority

(Agencies): Foreign Minister Yousef Bin Alawi called on the European Economic Community and the Gulf Co-operation Council today to set up a joint body to direct petrochemicals manufacturing and marketing.

Alawi made the call when he inaugurated a meeting of EEC and GCC foreign ministers in Muscat, the first since the EEC Commission last December sanctioned a free trade pact with sixnation GCC.

Alawi stressed that greater effort was needed to overcome and economic political problems. He is the current chairman of

the GCC, which groups Oman with Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, Qatar and Bahrain. "We consider the EEC states

most important trade partners for the GCC ... and for this week mutually beneficial co-operation." be said. China lowers interest rates

BELING, March 17, (UPI): China, in the strongest

signal yet it is easing a government austerity

programme, has decided to trim interest rates and boost lending in the first half of the year to stimulate

sagging industrial growth, the official press reported

The actions were announced by the People's Bank

of China, the central hank, just a few days before

next week's annual session of the nominal

parliament, the National People's Congress, at

which the economy will be a major topic of discus-

if the slide in industrial growth which has marked the

beginning of the year was to be hrought under

BOSTON, Massachuseits, March 17, (AP): Norton Co., the Worcester-based abrasives manufacturer, bas been targetted by British industrial giant BTR Plc in an unsolicited \$1.64 billion takeover bid, officials said yester-

day.

BTR officials said they were offering \$75 a share for Nurton through US subsidiary, ER Holdings Inc.

Norton spokesman Francis I. Doherty Ir said Norton's

board of directors was reviewing the offer and would inform sharebolders of their position on the bid by March

BTR's finance director, Chris Bull, said the company

"A reduction in interest rates was vital at this time



Douglas Hurd

He said that the growing cooperation between the two communities has led to "a feeling of optimism and urges us to more contacts and dialogue."

The GCC supplies roughly 40 per cent of Western Europe's energy needs and has an estimated trade with the EEC countries of some \$20 billion a

The foreign ministers of Ireland, current chairman of the EEC, France, Britain, the Netherlands, Greece and Denmark,

Plan to boost lending

Norton targetted by UK firm in takeover bid

Germany's minister of state for foreign affairs, and representatives from the rest of the 12-member EEC were attending the Muscat conference.

Petrochemicals has been a thorny issue in co-operation between the two groups.

The pro-Western Gulf coun-

tries found their attempts to break away from dependence on oil exports by moving into oil related industries have run up against EEC tariffs.

Their concern ahout EEC protectionism has heightened with the approach of a united Europe in 1992. Irish Foreign Minister Gerard

Collins, who is leading the EEC side, said the community attached importance to the dialogue with oil-rich Gulf Arab states. "We share the desire of the

Arab Gulf Co-operation states to achieve security, peace and progress in this vital region of the Collins said.

The Irish foreign minister

control," said the official newspaper China Daily.

programme, including a sharp restriction on credit,

in late 1988 to rein in record inflation and case

hreakneck growth in the economy, results of a

Inflation has fallen from a peak of 30 per cent to 6

per cent now, but the credit squeeze has resulted in a sharp industrial slowdown. Many factories have

been idled and unemployment has risen to an official

rate of 4 per cent, although it is actually higher.

The central bank announcement said interest

rates on commercial loans would be cut hy 1.26

percentage points from March 21. The average rate

Norton, the world's largest manufacturer of abrasives, also produces ceramics, plastics and chemical process

The company had earnings of \$85.8 million on sales of \$1.53 billion in 1989. It employs 16,600 people and operates 120 plants in the United States and 27 m other

BTR, formerly known as British Tire and Rubber, has

diverse activities, including electronics, sports products and transportation. It had an after-tax profit of £783

million (\$1.3 billium) on sales of \$7.03 billion (\$11.3 billion)

decade of free-market economic reforms.

now on a 12-month loan is 11.34 per cent.

The government imposed a tight austerity

assured GCC foreign ministers that the EEC, while supporting rapid changes in Eastern Europe. would not allow that support to be at the expense of "our allies in the world.

Taking part in the Muscat meeting were the foreign ministers of Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates and Oman. The foreign ministers of Britain, France and the Irisb republic represented the 12 EEC states.

British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd was also expected to raise at the meeting the issue of Iraq's execution on Thursday of London-based journalist. Iraq is not a member of the GCC, but maintains close ties with the Arab diplomatic sources said

the GCC was also keen to lower tariff barriers for its petrochemical products in European markets. The EEC currently trade surplus with the

Economic

LONDON, March 17, (Reuter):

British economic growth halved last year as higher interest rates

began to bite, hut rising wage

costs sounded a pre-hudget war-ning on inflation, official figures

Gross Domestic Product,

which measures goods and services produced in Britain, grew by 2.3 per cent last year compared with a 4.6 per cent

The increase last year was slightly ahove a forecast of two per cent by Chancellor of the Exchequer John Major in

Other figures released showed

that industrial production fell by 0.8 per cent in January after a 0.9

per cent fall in December and there was a strong rise in wage

In the third quarter of 1989,

wage costs per unit of output

jumped to a higher than expected

growth

halves

showed yesterday.

increase in 1988.

instant camera

Shares shrugged off recent election polls showing the government trailing by up to 21 points and were boosted

on fears of rising interest rates to support the pound. Higher than expected UK retail sales figures Monday added to interest rate worries and initial losses were exagadded to interest rate works and companies gerated by ex-dividend mark down in large companies ICI, GKN, Fisons, Barclays and Cadbury-Schweppes.

million (\$589 million) and reorganise its retailing busines-

Shares end week with rally

LONDON, March 17, (UPI): Shares on London's inter-national stock exchange ended the week with strong gains Friday, helped by bouyant company carnings reports and

a stronger pound.

Volumes were low, however, as market participants remain caurious ahead of Tuesday's budget speech.

The Financial Times Stock Exchange 100-share index closed at 2263.9, up 29.0 on the day and 29.6 higher on the week. The Financial Times 30 index ended the week at 1789.4, up 23.7 on the day and up 25.6 on the week.

by strong 1989 carnings reports from companies such as Rolls-Royce, BTR, Glaxo and British Acrospace. Share prices were under pressure at the start of the week

Grand Metropolitan unveiled its plans Tuesay to sell its preserved division to Elder IXL of Australia for £366

up 8p on the week at 215p Friday.

British Aerospace up 15p to 501 after reporting 1989 pre-tax profit Wednesday up 28 per cent to £333 million.

Glaxo also reported strong half-yearly earnings Thursday, up 27 per cent to £585 million (\$942 million). It also was helped by brokers' recommendations to huy Glaxo and sell Smithkime Beecham, which reported 1989 earn-

ings were up only 3 per cent.
Glaxo was up 36p Friday to 787p, while Smithkline

Beecham was down 3p at 489p.

Riyal deposit rates steady

NICOSIA, March 17, (Reuter): Saudi riyal interbank deposit rates remained steady in a typically thin market, mirroring dollar interest rates which were basically unchanged after new US economic data on Friday.

Dealers reported some business in the short dates as operators covered day-to-day positions. Banks in the Gulf are normally shut on Friday, the Muslim weekend.

would finance the bid with corporate reserves and bank borrowing. He said he did not know bow much debt would Norton stock soared on the news of the bid, rising \$15.625 to \$73.875 by mid-day on the New York Stock 10.1 per cent from nine per cent in be incurred, but added that BTR could cope with any repayments despite Britain's 15 per cent interest rates. the previous three months. Chinese govt to present austerity economic programme

BEIJING, March 17, (UPI): The Chinese government will present an austere blueprint for national life in 1990 at its annual parliament session this week, calling for continued economic belt-tightening, lockstep political campaigns and an

increase in military spending.

The assessment comes from Chinese party and government sources familiar with documents prepared for the more than two-week session of the National People's Congress, the nominal parliament, which opens on Tuesday with

a major address by Premier Li Peng.
It is the first full NPC meeting since the government's violent crackdown last June on the pro-democracy movement. Hardline leaders have since slowed the previous decade's free-market economic reforms and reasserted Marxist control over politics and culture.

During the session, the NPC will essentially rubber-stamp policies decided by Communist Party leaders earlier this

Although the 1988 and 1989 meetings dahbled in freer debate, this year's is likely to be restrained. Chinese leaders face smoldering domestic discontent as well as in ternational isolation, sharpened by the recent liberalisations in the Soviet Union and

Eastern Europe.
According to the Chinese sources, the meeting's key document, Premier Li's so-called work report, is devoid of inspiration and will maintain current policies with a

and will maintain current policies with a few minor refinements. The economy and social order will be its major to pics.

The report says an economic austerity programme begun in late 1988 will continue, hut tacitly acknowledges that along with achieving the goals of controlling breakneck growth and record inflation, the measures have also pushed China to the hrank of recession.

The government has already begun to

ease tight credit and inject funds into some sectors to reverse an industrial slowdown that has closed factories, hiked unem-

costs.

ployment and led to fears of unrest.

More money will be pumped into key sectors such as agriculture, but the report also places emphasis on centralisation and large, historically inefficient state-owned industries, a retreat from the marketoriented reforms launched in the late

Defence spending will see its first substantial increase after falling in real terms for each of the past four years. Analysts say the hike represents both a reward to the military for its role in last year's crackdown, and in a bid to quiet dissent in the

Sources said the military hudget will rise 15.2 per cent over last year to nearly 29 billion yuan (\$6 billion). Despite this, the spending will only keep pace with or marginally exceed inflation.

Politically, Li's report details the revival of mass-line mobilisation staked out by Communist Party leaders at a meeting earlier this month. It will emphasise tight control and 'grass roots' contact, to keep officials in touch with the public.

The party is already engaged in perhaps its biggest mass campaign since the tur-hulent 1966-1976 cultural revolution, having revived the legend of Lei Feng, a dedicated soldier made into a hero of the 1960s by Mao Tse-Tung. The legend has since been discredited. But officials have turned out millions of

people nation-wide to sweep streets, give haircuts and perform other volunteer services in the 'Lei Feng' spirit and attend mandatory study sessions on his life. Chinese have reacted with apathy and disdain. We have seen all this before, during the cultural revolution, and they told us that was a bad period," said a Chinese intellec-

Office worker Aya Takada shows off a picture of herself taken and being printed out from a new digital camera at her Tokyo office on March 14. The haridy instant camera, "Da Vinci," said to be the world's first electronic still camera equipped with a graphic printer, will be sold in Tokyo around mid-April for 49,890 year. (about \$330). (Reuter wirephoto) There was a muted initial response to the complicated deal but favourable press and analysts "comments betped; lift Grand Met to 562p Friday, up 11p on the week.

Rolls-Royce 1989 earnings were 29 per cent higher at £233 million (\$375 million). It closed Friday up 11p on the week at 186p.

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Susanti fights back for victory

LONDON, March 17, (UPI): Susi Susanti reached the women's final of the All England Badminton Championships yesterday, hut only after she had lost the first set against Zhou Lei of China 2-11.

The elfin Indonesian looked nervous and tentative as the hese player varied the pace of olay to go ahead 2-6. Even after changing rackets, Susanti continued to hand out errors as she lost the first set in 10 minutes.

She changed rackets again during a long exchange of service at 1-1 in the second. It seemed to do the trick as she sped to 6-2 and took the set on Zhou missing a smash down the forehand line.

The decider was much closer and involved a series of baseline hattles before Susanti pulled away to 9-5.

Zhou came back to reach 7-9 after a 37-shot rally and saved match point at 9-10 after a 32shot exchange before Susanti punched the winner down the middle on her next service

It was the 19-year-old Indonesian's first serious test of the championships after a hye, a walkover and two straight forward straight-set wins.

She was to meet another Chinese, Huang Hua, the No. 2 sed, in the final today.

Huang. victorious in the Swedish Open earlier this month, won a bloodless victory 11-0, 11-0 against Korea's Lee Heung Soon who had to come through the qualifying tournament to reach the championship.

The men's singles final today was to be between the joint fifth seeds Zhao Jianhua of China and Indonesia's Joko Suprianto.

Both won their semifinals in straight sets, Zhao beating Malaysian Rashid Sidek 18-16. 15-6, while Suprianto won an all Indonesian clash with Eddy Kurniawan 15-4, 15-10.

Zhao, who one the all England title in his first appearance in 1985, had hy far the rougher passage against the confident Sidek, who beat top seed Morten Frost Thursday to reach the last four.

In a full bodied first set, the Chinese left-hander used his full range of strokes to reach 13-9 before Sidek forced play into extra points and reached 3-0 on his first service.

Bu! Zhao went to 3-4 on his next service and lost match point on a service fault before smashing down the centre for 18-16.

Zhao's ferocious smash was a key factor. Sidek's tried to keep play away from the shot but in the second set found himself increasingly facing overhead attacks or being deceived into mishitting deftly played disguised drop shots.

The smash which earned Zhao the nichname Zhao Kapow helped the Chinese to 9-2 on his third service and after a hrief Sidek rally won the match 15-6, after Zhao had set the chance up with a shallow drop shot.

Aussies 53 for two; New Zealand out for 202

Kiwis hold on to advantage

WELLINGTON, March 17, (Reuter): New Zealand held onto their advantage over Australia on the third day of a one-off Test in Welliogtoo today, despite pedestrian batting that hroke a world Test record for slow scor-

ing set nearly 60 years ago.
At stumps Australia were 53 for two wickets in their second innings, still 39 runs behind the New Zealand first innings total

New Zealand lost some initiative by batting extremely slowly after beginning the day at 93 for three, Batting was difficult on the slow-paced Basin Reserve wicket hut the New Zealanders seemed reluctant to take the attack to Australia in a hid for a large first innings lead.

They were also hampered hy accurate howling hy an Australian team keen to light its way back after a disappointing first innings score of 110.

New Zealand's 202 runs came of 121 overs, during which night-watchman Martin Snedden's slow scoring earned him a Test cricket record when he failed to add to his score for 94 minutes before lunch despite facing 54 halls.

The previous Test record of 90 minutes between runs was shared by South Africa's Bruce Mitchell against Australia in 1931-32 and England's Chris Tavare against

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla., March

17. (Reuter): Former Wim-

bledon champion Pat Cash made

a disappointing return to major

tournament action yesterday as

he lost to Bruno Oresar of

Yugoslavia 6-2 6-2 in the first

round of the \$2.55 million Inter-

national Players Championship

The Australian had played just

one minor tournament in singles

since snapping his achilles ten-

'I was thoroughly embarr-

"I took off my headband (at 0-

5 in the second set) because I

didn't want people to think I was the same guy who won Wimbledon. I guess I've got to play

more matches or something. I'm

fall was Mikhael Pernfors, who

was eliminated by Jim Pugh. The

American served his way past the

groundstroking Swede 6-7 6-3 6-

third-set lead in one of the day's

most dramatic first-round mat-

On the women's side, 13-year-

old Jennifer Capriati continued

her winning ways with a 7-5 6-3

victory over compatriot

Capriati next faces sixth-

seeded Czechoslovak Helena

Another established player to

tennis touroament.

don last April.

not really sure.

Lauanne Spadea.

assed." Cash said.



Alderman: took tour wickats for 46.

Australia in 1982-83. Snedden was finally out for 23 soon after lunch, having faced 122 balls io 179 minuts and hit Cash, Pernfors lose in first round

Sukova, one of the players the

American teenager beat last week on her way to the finals of

All seeded players received first-round hyes, including the defending champions and top seeds Ivan Lendl of Cze-

choslovakia and Gahriela

Lendl will face Jors Wohr-

mann of West Germany, and

second-seeded Boris Becker of

West Germany takes on qualifier

Fabrice Santoro of France in

man of Belgium, who routed Canadian Carling Bassett-Seguso 6-0 6-2, to advance.

Sabatini plays Sandra Wasser-

The only bright moments for

Cash came when he broke Oresar

at 0-5 in the second set with two

powerful overheads and then

saves double match point in the

match points in the eighth game

two with blazing backhand win-

ners, before hitting a routine

forehand long to complete

Oresar's victory.
Pugh, who dropped the first

set in a tiebreaker, took control of his match with Pernfors by

winning the second set and rac-

Pernfors then began blasting

ing to a 4-0 lead in third set.

Cash then saved three more

next game to pull to 2-5.

her first pro tournament.

Sabatini of Argentina.

second-round matches.

The other milestone of the day went to Richard Hadlee, playing his last Test in New Zealand. He scored his 3,000th Test run, joining an elite group of lan Botham (England), Kapil Dev (India) and Imran Khan (Pakistan) who have scored 3,000 runs and taken 300 wickets in Tests. Hadlee last month became the first player to take 400 Test wick-

Terry Alderman was the most successful Australian howler, taking four for 46, while Carl Rackemann was the most unlucky, finishing with none for 42 despite teasing the New Zealanders into false strokes.

The low-playing wicket did not give much help to the seam howlers. Off-spinner Peter Taylor generated only modest turn but took three wickets for 44 runs from 33 economical overs.

The Australian hatsmen lonked keen to make amends for their poor first innings. Opener Geoff Marsh made a swift start after tea and took advantage of wayward opening overs hy Richard Hadlee and Danny Morrison.

But Hadlee struck when the score was 27, trapping Mark Taylor in front for five, after he scored four in the first innings. Australia's scoring rate then slawed appreciably.

New Zealand captain John Wright soon decided to let the fiery Morrison bowl with a strong wind at his back and he brought off-spinner John Bracewell on at the other end.

AUSTRALIA first innings 110 (P. Taylor 29, R. Hadlee five for 39, D. formson three for 22.)
NEW ZEALAND first innings (over

ight 33 for three). Wright c Healy b Alderman Franklin c Marsh b P Jones c and b Border

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Extras (tb-5, nb-3, b-2)_____ Total (121 overs) 202 Fall of wickets: 1-482-893-894-111 5-123 6-150 7-151 8-152 9-171

Bowling: Aldaman 29-9-46-4 (nb-1), Rackemann 32-17-42-0, P. Taylor 33-19-44-3, Campbell 21-3-51-2 (nb-2), Border 6-3-12-1.

AUSTRALIA second innings M. Taylor Ibw b Hadlee

D. Boon c Smith b Bracewell Extras (16-5, nb-1)

Total (from 26 overs)

To bat:A. Border, D. Jones, S. Waugh, I. Haaly, G. Campbell, C.

Rackemann, T. Alderman: Bowling: Hadles 8-2-25-1, Morrison 7-3-16-0 (nb-1), Snedden 6-3-7-

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Grand Sumo tournament

being held in Osaka, western

Japan. Chiyonofuji has 422

"I'm happy," he said in a

televised interview after the

match. "I took each fight one

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timetre-tall (6-foot-tall) grand champion became

Sumo's most winning wres-

tier last September, when he

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Irwin takes lead in Players tournament

PONTE VEDRA, Fla., March 17, (Reuter): Hale Irwin drew on his considerable experience yesterday to overcome gusty winds and shoot a four-under-par 68 that put him into the lead after 36 holes of the \$1.5 million Players

Championship.
The 44-year-old Irwin had five birdies and only one bogey despite the difficult conditions at the TPC at Sawgrass course to post a six-under-par 138 total after two

rounds. Jodie Mudd, who shared the overnight lead with British Open champion Mark Calcavecchia. and Rocco Mediate were ned for second place at five-under-par

Mudd shot an even-par 72, while Mediate, who lives less than a mile (1.6 km) from the clubhouse here, fired a fiveunder-par 67 for his share of second place.

Ken Green and Clark Burroughs, who happens to be Mediate's next-door neighbour,

were ned at four-under-par 140. Irwin, a two-time US Open champion, said: "It's been a good while since I've been a factor in a tournament, so I have had to draw on my experiences. I've been playing better recen

A 10-foot birdie putt on th 18th gave Irwin the lead. The courses that yield birdle grudgingly are the courses I like to play. I like the challenge said

Tom Watson, after posting a opening round 69, was having a good, solid second round until h came to the treacherous 18th.

Watson, who stood at five underpar, pushed his tee sho well away from the water on the leftside. On his second shot, he hit a palm tree and the ball boun ced straight left and into the lake He finished with a double bogg six for a 141 total.

Defending champion Ton Kite shot a 70 to stand at two under-par 142, a total he shared with Calcayecchia who struggled m with 2.75.
Curtis Strange: winner of the last two US Opens, shot 71 for 143

Two big names were among those to misss the cut. Sandy Lyk

of Britain double-bogeyed the last hole for a 76 that put him a six-over-par 150. Jack Nicklaus

76ers sail past Nets

PHILADELPHIA, March 17, (AP): Hersey Hawkins and Charles Barkley each scored 25 points, but the Philadelphia 76ers had to rally after, blowing a 19-point lead before beating the New Jersey Nets 119-110 lasti

.004 behind the New York Knicks for first place in the Atlantic Divisino. Derek Smith had 20 points for

Mahorn, sidelined by a back and hip injury suffered Wednesday night in a victory over the Los Angeles Lakers.

The Sixers led 96-77 with 5:10 to go, in the third period and were up 103-89 with 9:32 left in the game. But the Nets then scored 14 consecutive. points, tying the score with 5:47

Hawkins then converted a pair of free throws to give the 76ers a lead

night.
The victory moved the Sixers just

points in the fourth quarter, lisched-ing a tebreaking turnar ound jumper with 22 seconds left, as Boston him-ded Orlando its eighth consecutive

The Celtics trailed 127-123, but two free throws by Kevin MeHale who scored 30 points, made if 127 125 with 1:26 to play, and a layup by comes Johnson fied the

1:05 remaining. 130 Orlando Philadelphia 119 New Jersey 110 Detroit

106 Chicago. Dallas 104 Denver Phoenix 129 Miami LA Clippers 118 Houston

Al Ghanim outplay Nissan in elimination round

passing shots past Pugh and rallied to 4-4 before Pugh broke the Swede with a drop volley and routinely served out the final set in the 10th game.

Capriati was slightly off form against Spadea but was still ahle to win the important points. As

Capriati returns a shot to Spadea. (Reuler wirephoto)

for her re-match with Sukova.

the hard-hitting American said

that I beat her before, but I think

she'll play better because she

knows my game. I'll have to play

better for sure." Capriati said.

"I'll have confidence knowing

she felt confident.

AL GHANIM defeated Nissan 96-88 as the Kuwait Pinoy Basketball League (KPBL) elimination round ended at the Keifan High School Gym on Friday.

In the other matches, EEI beat Trico 105-102, KDD blasted KAI 124-87, KHC-Bayan outclassed Overland 89-74. EEI overwhelmed KRP 108-88 and KDD beat Overland 68-

Al Ghanim Freight & Travel closed out its elimination round by subduing the hard fighting Nissan Al Babtain. It was a close contest all throughout with neither team having a clear advantage over the other. Halftime score was 47-46 for Al Ghanim. Mike Velasco was the key man for Al Ghanim as he scored a game high 29 points including a converted steal that ignited a 8-0 run that broke the aspirations of the Nissan 5 to enter the championship round. Other scorers for Al Ghanim

were Nelson Garcia 22, Ungco 21 and Galicia 6. Nissan Al Bahtain in its losing effort was paced by Perez 21, De Los Reyes 15, Detera 12, Abajero 11, Espinosa 10, Garcia 9 and

Batac 7 points. EEI 105-Trico 102 EEI moved on to the Cham-pionship Round with a 105-102 win over the Trico 5. The crowd was treated to another excellent match as both teams displayed an up-tempo game (breaking the century mark) with EE1 outsteadying its opponent in the clutches. Halftime score stood at 54-50 in favour of EEI, as Celso Tuadles converted on two (2) successive drives that he stole himself which somehow made up for his seven (7) game-high travelling violations.

The second-half prove no



The Red team for next Friday's Pizza All-Star game.

different than the first 20 minutes of the game with both teams playing serious basket-ball to the delight of the crowd. With time down to 9 seconds in the final half of play and the score at 105-102. Trico had the chance to equalise and send the game into overtime. After the inbound, Trico's Reyes was left wide open by the EE1 defence. However, he didn't shoot the hall and instead passed to Calaycay who was tightly shadowed, thus forcing his shot and consequently missing. It was a tactical loss for Trico, as they weren't able to get the hall they weren't able to get the ball to streak-shooter Steve Atienza who fielded back in the final 9 seconds of the game.

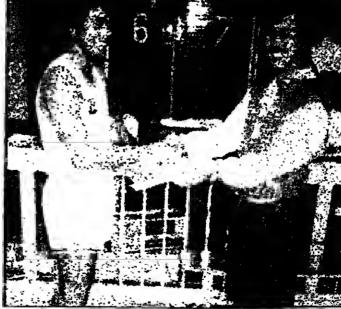
EE1 was paced by Zalavarria 21, Tuadles 20, Garcia 18, Dingson 16 and Lugo 13. Trico losing in the final seconds of the ballgame was led by Reyes 30, Vargas 19, Calaycay 16, Castor 12, Babierra 11 and Atienza 7.

KDD 124-KAI 87 KDD having only 7 players on its bench blasted KAI 124-87, to finally harge into the win column. KAl proved no match for the KDD 5 as they played their hearts out minus a legitimate centre (Marin). Halflime score stood at 68-35 KDD. In the second-half, KDD scored 56 points while KAI managed to come up with 52, on the heroics of Marin, Medrano, and Butch Evaogeiista's 3 pointers. This however was not enough to erase the halftime lead of their foe and when the final buzzer sounded, it was a 37 points win by KDD

over KAI. KDD's 7 players were all able to score and they were led Rue 26, Linganay 25, Pizarro 20, Dominguez 16,

Ramirez 15, Gutierrez 13 and Francisco 9. KA1 on the other hand was led hy Marin 19, Medrano 16, Morales 12, Velayo 10. Evangelista 9 and

KHC-Bayan 89-Overland 74 KHC-Bayan joined early qualifier KPBC & EEl in the Championship round with an 89-74 thrashing of Overland. In the early minutes of the first half, Overland looked impressive as they led 10-4 to the delight of the OTC fans. The KHC followers, however, had the last say as their team began to find their marks enroute to a 15 points decision over its opponent. KHC was again led by Mr. X-Ortega who tossed in a game high 31 points. He was ably supported by Ahubo 14. Ong 10, Camacho 8 and Soliman 7. Overland was paced by "Billy-Ray/Hulk Hogan"



Linganay (left): Mabuhay Best Player

Navarro 26, Martinez 13. Nicodemus, Pineda and Villa 8 each.

in the fifth game of the day, EEI showed that it pays to win

as they coasted along to a 108-88 victory over KRP. Halftime score stood at 54-40 for EE1. In the second-half, EE1 doubled its output while KRP was able to toss in 50 points, courtesy of Speedy Bolito, Matudio and Osorio, hut this wasn't enough. In their 4th win in as many outings, EE1 was led by Juan 26. Alojado 17. Molina 12. Lugo and Dela Cruz 10 apiece. Peptio, Tuadles and Garcia 8

KRP was again led by Speedy Bolito 27. Osorio 19, Matudio 16, Reodique 9 and Jumadiao 7. EEI's victroy over KRP allowed Trico to move on to the Championship Round. Actually Trico (2-2) winning over Al Ghanim and KRP and losing to EE1 and Nissan (Default) is tied with Al Ghanim (2-2) winning over KRP and Nissan and losing to Trico & EEI. However, applying the rules as stated in the Fiba Rule Book, Trico was the qualifier hy virtue of its win over Al Ghanim.

KDD 68-Overland 63 in the last game of the Elimination Round, KDD outsteadied Overland 68-63 to close out its schedule with a 2 win-2 loss card. KDD was led by Linganay 17, Ramirez 13, Francisco 12, Rue 10, Pizarro and Dominguez 8 apiece. Overland in its 3rd loss in 4 games was paced by Navarro 18, Martinez 10, Moya

Nicodemus 8 apiece. "Mabuhay Best Players of the 2. Zalavarria (EEI) vs. Trico 3. Linganay (KDD) vs. KAI 4. Mr X-Ortega (KHN-Bayan) vs. Overland ·-5. Mr Juan (EEI) vs. KRP 6. Linganay (KDD) vs. Overland Final standings * EEI * Trico Al Ghanim Nissan /KRP *KPBC

Game" 1. Mike Velasco (Al Ghanim) vs.

Overland. Qualifies for the Champioo-- Qualifies for the consolation round. /Best of three for 9th place

KHC-Bayan

KDD

Championship Round
The "KPBL" shifts into high
gear next Friday, the March 23 with the start of the Championship Round. The schedules are as follows:

9.00 am KRP vs KAI (best of three for ninth place) 10.30 am Nissan vs KDD (consolation round) 12.00 pm Al Ghanim vs. Overland (consolation round)
1.30 pm Trico vs. KPBC

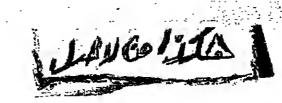
(Championship round)
3.00 pm EE1 vs. KHC-Bayan
(Championship round)
5.00 pm Pizza Italia All Star game Red vs. Green KPBL meeting
A "KPBL" meeting is scheduled for Monday, March
19 at 8.00 pm at the Mabuhay Restaurant located at Fahed Al Salem St., Kuwaii. All members to the KPBL Board of

Governors are requested to be

present at the said meeting.

Mr. Ortega (above) and Juan

receive their awards.



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Boycott Johnson: Sir Gold

LONDON, March 17, (Reuter): Britain's senior anti-doping campaigner, Sir Arthur Gold, has called on the world's top sprinters not to run against Ben Johnson when the disgraced Canadian returns to international competition in September.

Gnld, chairman of the British Olympic Association, told a British Sports Council seminar on drug ahuse yesterday that Johnson stood to earn huge sums of money if other athletics stars ran against him.

"I would ask Carl Lewis and Linford Christie not to compete in "spectaculars' so that Johnson does not enjoy the wages of sin," the London Times quoted Gold as telling the meeting.

Johnson is serving a twoyear suspensinn for using banned anabolic sternids. He was stripped of his gold medal after winning the 100 metres at the 1988 Seoul Olympics when he tested positive for using the muscle-building

drugs. European athletics meeting organisers are reported to be planning to match Jnhnson with Lewis and Christie, who finished behind the Canadian

at the 1988 Games.
Gold repeated his demand for a life ban on any athlete found to have drugs during an Olympic Games and said he was opposed to Johnson ever being reinstated.

"He should never be allowed to run again in the Games," Gold was quoted as saying.

Secret stages of rally cut

LONDON, March 17, (Reuter): The traditional secret stages of the British rally have been scrapped following pressure from World Championship competitors, race organisers said yes-

terday. Rally manager Malcolm Neill said drivers would have pace notes guiding them round the 370 miles (590 kilometres) of special stages. Leading cars are also likely to

be allowed to reconnoitre the testing forest stages for themselves before the Nov 25 start. Neill said the changes were in

the interests of rally safety and to meet desires of major par-The rally will be shortened by 350 miles (560 km), also tn suit

the top teams, but the cut will be made from the road links between the special stages, which will remain the same overall length.

Sulzenbacher wins

RAUFOSS, Norway, March 17. (AP): Klaus Sulzenbacher of Austria clinches the season's Wnrld Cup trophy in the Nordie combination of ski jumping and 15-kilometre cross-country ski racing last night.

The national NTB news agency reported that he locked it up after Soviet Allar, the only competitor with a reach shot at the title, fell ill and withdrew from the jumping competition in Loennbergbakken.

Sulzenhacher already had assembled 156 points in previous World Cup events before the 15kilnmetre final event, which was scheduled for today.

Levandi finished at 135 points as World Cup runnerup. Knut tore Apeland and Fred Boerre Lundberg, both of Norway, had 87 and 84 points.







Both the teams which took part in Friday's All-Star game. (Photos by Khalil Jabr) Kuwait Little League season ends

Fox and Nagashima take Most Valuable Player awards

THE Kuwait Little League 1989-90 season came to a close on Friday after nearly six months of very exciting games. The last event of the Little League calender was the Ali-Star game between the Blue team and the Red team.

A very large crowd of nver one thousand people filled the Kuwait Highway Patrol Graund to see the children in action for the last time this season. The atmosphere was more of people out for a leisure time rather than to attend a competition. Everyone enjuyed a lovely Kuwait spring day together with the food and drinks provided by the Sultan Centre and Pepsi Co.

The organizers of the last day's festivities did a remarkable job in putting together the whole event. The Universal American School band was on hand to play the music while the American School cheerleaders were on the ground to boost the morale of both the teams.

Medals to the most dedicated players of all the teams were presented by the American Ambassador to Kuwait Nathaniel Howell and the Japanese Ambassador to Kuwait Tsuyoshi

The players of both the mood to let their rivals clinch the game. While the proud parents looked on from the sidelines, the children treated them in a wonderful game of Little League baseball. The game cannot be classed alongwith the one produced hy the great American baseball teams hut the entertainment provided by these children to their parents bares no comparison.



Some of the Little Leaguers with their awards.



An action shot of the match.

volunteers for doing a great The game itself went to the sixth innings after which the The two All-Star teams Blue team emerged victorious were based nn the following 13-6. The score is no reflection players:

of the game as the battle for Blue team: Adam Bengali, supremacy was much eloser. Cory Fix of Blue team took the Most Valuable Player Cory Fox, Hisham Navarro. Jibad Sakleh, Josh Bauer, Kareem Nakshebandi, Nathan Moneyham, Paul award from his side while the same award for the Red team Colbourne, Rusty Stom-baugh, Ryan Fox, Talal went to Masaaki Nagashima. After the game, the organizers thanked all the sponsors Navarro and Tarek Abdul Mnuhsen.

Red team: Firas Afani, Haider Basravi, Haitham Al Rijab, James Riley, Keita Miyazaki, Mazin Shaiti, Moid Tongekar, Sommer Al Nasralla, Takayuki Okusa, Timmy Azzouz, Waqar Hasib and Masaaki Naga-

shima. The Kuwait Little League season had started in mid-October with 18 teams taking part in four different groups. There were six T-ball teams,

fnur Minor League teams, six Major League squads and two teams in the senior

A total of nearly 270 children made up these 18 teams. Of these 270 players, 67 are Kuwaitis. The instructors and coaches for all these teams are volunteers, whn are sought at the start of each season. Some nf these volunteers have been with the teams for a number

The outgoing president of the Kuwait Little League, Suleiman Sakleh, has been associated with the game for nearly five years, of which he has been president of the League for nearly 2-1/2 years.

The organizers of the event expect the number of children to increase to nearly 350 next season as the interest among the children increases and the parents also realize the role these games play in building a competitive spirit among the

The Kuwait Little League has only two fields at the moment but the League officials hope to add a third one next season. The League officials also hope to have a permanent ground soon. The League also plans to

give the children some international experience next year. Plans are at hand to send the Little Leaguers to Dubai and Saudi Arabia and also invite other Gulf teams to Kuwait.

Last month, a new board was elected to carry on the excellent work done by this year's board. Jim Riley has been elected as president while Keichi Miyazaki is the 1st vice-president and Abdul Hadi Al Qallaf is the 2nd vicepresident. Rafiq Bengali occupies the post of treasurer while Patty Fox is the



A Little Leaguer waits lor the ball.



An award being presented to one of the Little Leaguers.



Children enjoy snacks while watching the game.



The Universal American School band.

awarding ceremonies of the ongo-

ing tnurnament. Duhbed as the "Black and White Nite" all mem-

bers are to come in formal black

and white attire for the ceremony.

All members including non-play-



One of the events on the last day.

Group A (12.00 noon)

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Results after fourth round

outlasts Dumlao to secure Filcheck tournament lead

INGEMAR "Ingy" Vendiola, secured his lead in Group A of the First Rated Chess Tournament nrganised by the Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait "Filcheck" during the fourth round matches held

tournament favourite Niel Dumlao failed to exploit on Ingy's dubious knight sacrifice on the 23rd move of a French defence. Niel finally conceded defeat after 35 moves when he found himself in extreme time difficulty with less than a minute to make 10 moves. Ingy now leads the Group with a perfect score after 4 rounds of the 7-round Swiss system tournament.

Also in Group A. Danny Calasian won over veteran Jess Betguen in just 23 moves of a Pirc defence when the latter playing white made a premature rook and knight sacrifice in the 18th and 20th move. Ali Maca-ayan outwitted Ver Farales in 62 moves of a Queen's gambit accepted while Edwin Borigas and Thony Monreal finally agreed to a draw after 45 moves of an Old Indian

defence. Other Group A winners are Rading Moje, Rene Mostrales, Sammy Aurellano, and Arnel

In Grnup B, Dads Pates defeated Stanley Sawit to score 3.5 points after 4 rounds and force the much awaited showdown with current leader Gil Opiana Jr who

In other Group B matches,

Bucay in 39 moves nf a Giuoco piano variation while Mel Espinosa defeated Silver Salvadn in 43 moves of a Sicilian defence. Newcomer Dedi Herras playing white capitalised on Mauro Burlat's irregular npening to win in 33 retained his solo lead with 4



Pates (right) playing Opiana.

Ahmad Hussein played an all-exciting 72 moves of a Queen's gambit declined with the former finally resigning when the latter's queening pawn proved to be uns-

In another development, Fil-check Board of Directors will



Filcheck Board of Directors.





Vendicla (left) in his third round match.

point; 2. Dads Pates, 3.5; 3. Dinny Bartnlome, 2.5; 4. Mel Espinosa, 2; 5. Hussain Ahmad, 3; 6. Robert Vargas, 2.5; 7. Jun Emutan, 0.5; 8. Gil Opiana Jr, 4; 9. Bernard de los Reyes, 2; 10. Nilo Magtangoh, withdrawn; 11. Jigs Acodisen, withdrawn; 12. Nonoy Caro, withdrawn; 13. Dedi Herras, 2: 14. Silver Salvado, 1; 15. Rolly Mercadn, 2.5; 16. Stanley Sawit, 2.5; 17. Jun Alejandro, 2.5; 18. Bamra Bucay, 0; 19. Alex Espedilla, withdrawn; 20. Fred Marasigan, 2; 21. Vic Corpuz, withdrawn; 22. Robert Daiz, withdrawn.

Group A: 1. Thony Monreal, 2 points; 2. Sammy Aurellano, 2; 3. Niel Dumlao, 3; 4. Jess Betguen, 1; 5. Romy Pagaduan, withdrawn; 6. Chito Barrios, withdrawn; 7. Rene Mostrales, 3; 8. Ali Macaayan, 3, 9. Ariel Martinez, 2; 10. Ramon Cortado, withdrawn: 11. Ingemar Vendiola, 4; 12. Rolly Boado, 1; 13. Rading Moje, 2; 14. Nanding Policarpio, 1.5; 15. Arnel Matutinn, 2.5; 16. Danilo Calasin, 2; 17. Rey Mangornong, 0.5; 18. Edwin Borigas, 2.5; 19. Ver Farrales, 2; 20. Romy Velayo, withdrawn; 21. Wahab Alamada, withdrawn; 22. Rey Cortez, with-

Algeria overcome Nigeria to clinch African Nations Cup

ALGIERS, March 17, (Reuter): Algeria clinched a long-sought soccer triumph yes-lerday hy beating Nigeria 1-0 in the final of the African Nations Cup.

The two-week tournament was marked by Zambia's surprise third-place finish and the disappointment of Cameroun. With 13 goals to their credit in five matches and only two against, Algeria achieved an almost faultless record. "It was the best team throughout the

competition that won," said Claude Leroy, the French trainer of semi-finalist Senegal.

'Algeria also had the very important advantage of playing at home."

Backed by tens of thousands of ecstatic fans, the Algerians began on a high note by thrashing Nigeria 5-1, even though their margin of victory slipped in later games.

They beat the Ivory Coast 3-0, Egypt 2-0 and Senegal 2-1 in the semifinals.

professionals Rabah Madjer, Djamel Menad and Cherif Oudjani and two emer-

ging younger players, Fodhil Megharia and Cherif El Ouazani.

In a vote before the final, Madjer was elected best player, but some experts protested that El Ouazani deserved it more, while Menad topped the scorers chart with four goals.

After a poor start in the competition, the

Nigerians gained steam with 1-0 victories against the Ivory Coast and Egypt and a convincing 2-0 win over Zambia.

But Nigeria's "Super Eagles" seemed incapable of building a co-ordinated game, relying on the efficiency of star centre-forward Rasheedi Yekini, the

second best scorer with three goals. Zambia was the surprise of the Cup. Despite the absence of their star Kalucha. they beat defending African champions

Chelsea dampen Arsenal's title hopes

Senegal left a mixed impression. Despite an excellent 2-0 defeat of Cameroum and a good performance against Algeria, it suf-fered from an unstable line-up.

With a dozen good professionals like Jules Bocande, Abdoulaye Diallo and

always available.

Diallo even flew to join his French club

afflicted the Ivory Coast and Cameroun, initially considered top contenders. The Ivory Coast managed only a small win against Egypt. Star striker Youssouf Fofana joined the team only three hours. performed dismally, even though would have qualified them for the

with the World Cap only three m with the world appropriated of sacisfications of its best professionals.

Egypt, also with its sights on italy sent all the market first deciding not to play a fall out of fier of violence from Alexander.

out of fear of violence from Algeria

KIH tennis

RESULTS of Kuwait International Hotel's 1990 Amateur Tennis Classic Tournament games yesterday.

Men's singles A. George defeated Raafat Nasser 6-1: 6-2 Rabi Nasser defeated W. Abu Lughud w-

Hill defeated F. Jaroudi 6-0; 6-1 Negri defeated D. Morrison 7-5; 6-4 &rennensluhl defeated A. Ahmad 6-4;

Vogt defeated G. Lataia 5-7;

N. Al-Kady defeated F. Al Ibrahim w-o
Daniel defeated A. Desmond w-o
Open doubles Open doubles Myers & P. Stubbs defeated S. Dhanak

C. Myers & P. Stubbs decleared S. Dhanak & A.R. Dhanak 6-2: 6-3 M. Simon & K. Soenksen defeated N. Abdulah & M.H. Kafity 6-1: 6-0 M. Hermann & J. Dufour defeated M. Lukic & A. Soenksen 6-3; 6-4 A. Nair & A. Tamton defeated A. Ahmad & A. Desmond 6-3: 6-2 A. Nar & T. A. Nar

Sports Briefs:

Asian champions

SINGAPORE, March 17, (AP): Chioa scored two points in the last few seconds to defeat South Korea 78-76 in a Divisioo One match and emerge champions in the 13th biennial Asiao Baskethall Womeo's

Kuwait football

AL ARABI beat Yarmouk 3-1 as the Kuwait Foothall League games resumed yesterday after a break of two mooths. lo the only other match played yesterday, Salmiya beat Al Nasr I-0.

W. German soccer

BONN, March 17, (Reuter): West German First Division soccer results

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4 Cologne W. Indies captain

POINTE-A-PIERRE, Trinidad, March 17. (Reuter): West Iodies captain Viv Richards, suffering a recurrence of haemorrhoids that threatens to keep him out of the third Test against England, may be able to play club cricket in his home island of Anugua this weekend.

Buano triumphs SAN REMO, Italy, March 17. (AP):

Italy's Gianni Bugno today edged West German Rolf Golz by a few secoods following a grueiling 294-kilometre race to capture the Milanto-San Remo road cycling classic — the opening event of the 1990 World

Finnish Open

ESPOO, Finland, March 17, (Reuter): Semifinal results in the Finoish Open squash championship today. Jansber Khan (Pakistan) beat Mir

Zaman Gul (Pakistan) 15-5 10-15 15-9 15-10; Sami Elopuro (Finland) beat Jasoo Nicolle (England) 15-9 Villa edge Derby to go five points clear

LONDON, March 17, (Reuter): A late goal from substitute Ian Ormondroyd put Aston Villa five points clear in the English Soccer League today as champions Arsenal ended a 16-match unbeaten home run with a 1-0 defeat by Chelsea.

Liverpool, in second place with a game in hand, travel to Manchester United for a televised game tomorrow.

Villa, with Republic of Ireland striker Tony Cascarino making his club debut, struggled to break the deadlock at Derby until striker Ormondroyd, brought on at the start of the second half, hit the only goal of the match in the 71st minute

For Villa, thrashed 4-0 in the FA Cup in midweek by Second Division Oldham, it was only their second win in five games.

Chelsea dampened thirdplaced Arsenal's title hopes with a 1-0 win against the run of play, midfielder John Burnstead scoring in the 64th minute on his

Chelsea are now unbeaten in six matches and move into fourth place, 12 points off the pace and one behind Arsenal. England striker Clive Allen

300th appearance for the club.

was also celebrating, marking his return to struggling Manchester City after a two-month absence with a penalty goal in his team's 1-1 draw at Luton.

Four of the 18 First Division

by hot tempers. Cascarino, signed from Millwall on Thursday for £1.5 million (\$2.4 million), was marked tightly by England defender Mark Wright and saw little action until the 27th minute when be nodded the ball down to striker David Platt, who shot just over the bar.

only a world-class save from veteran England goalkeeper Peter Shilton prevented the Irishman from marking his Villa debut with a sensational goal.

Cascarino climbed high in the

But at the stroke of half-time,

area to meet a cross from Platt and Shilton launched himself to his right to push away the powerful header from the foot of his goalpost. Norwich's home game against

relegation-threatened Miliwall turned nasty with the visitors a goal ahead in the 61st minute. Both teams were left with 10

men when Norwich striker Robert Fleck and Millwall's Steve Wood were sent off for fighting.

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English and Scottish League soccer tables after matches today (tabulate under

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Havelange's Cup ideas to

be examined ZURICH, March 17, (Remer) A study group is to look into the feasibility of proposals backed by the president of the international Football Federation (Fifa) to change the format of

World Cup soccer matches for

World Cup soccer marking for the benefit of television.

Brazilian Joao Havelange was quoted in a newspapet interview last month as saying the 1994. World Cup in the Umited States could be played in four sessions, of 25 minutes each instead of the current 90 minutes playing time. Fifa secretary general Sepp Blatter told Rettiers in an interview yesterday his secretariat had been asked to make a feasibility starty of the make a feasibility shirty of the radical proposals

radical proposals.

The feasibility sandy with myolve several stages. There is the administrative side, the seasof the referees communities, medical espects involving the players media opinion, he said, that if the response He said that if the response were positive. Fifa would publish proposals to its rule making body, the International Football.

Association Board (Risb).

Blatter aggeed that the aggregation only to 1994 best association for the first part of the same rules, if adopted, would apply not only to 1994 best assistic future World Copys.

future World Cops. The president is aware flish what he proposes is very revolutionary most be carefully studied and has created wide spread interest. Blatter said.

Baseball lockout: story of greed

NEW YORK, March 17, (Reuter): It is a story of power and revenge. Greed and the national pastime. The stuff of best-sellers.

But this real-life saga, the great American baseball lockout, does not have the public hanging on every twist and turn. In fact, it has produced nothing much beyond disgust. The haggling may soon be over, as owners

and players yesterday returned to the bargaining table on day 30 of the spring training lockout in a last dit season on time.

However it ends, this players-owners scuf-fle has given the game a black eye in a time of unparalleled plenty for both sides.

The owners recently signed a network television deal that will bring them \$1.1 billion over four years. That is in addition to a national cable television contract and local broadcast deals that individual clubs negotiate. The New York Yankees, for instance, signed their own television broadcast deal worth

half a billion over 11 years. Players are also making more than ever. This winter the salary ociling was raised through the three-million-dollar per year barrier - for eight different players. The average season's pay per player on each 24-man team is \$652,000.

Yet the spring training ballparks of Florida and Arizona are empty and big League parks around the country may soon be home to nothing more than a ghostly calm.

There are no good guys in this struggle. The sentiment of fans seems to be "a plague o" both your houses." The economies of Florid where teams travel to play and train their way

into shape every spring, stand to lose \$300 million and \$50 million, respectively, over baseball's no-show. Vendors, parking attendants and ticket takers are without jobs. Restaurants and motels are empty. Hard-working fans have had to swallow lost vacations, planned a year

ago, bereft of baseball in the relayed atmosphere of sunny spring training.

Angry fans in Kansas City are organising a national protest, distributing tee-shirts, bumper stickers and protest songs. Callers to New York's all-sports radio station have called for boycotts of baseball games.

And what has the lockout been about? The owners, fearful of a player strike in midseason, installed the lockout. Radical proposals have long been dropped leaving what appears to be a minor matter of salary

arbitration rules. In 1985, the owners told the players that some clubs were in dire straits and that concessions had to be made for the health of the game. The players agreed to increase the numto out in b becoming eligible for arbitration from two years to three.

Arbitration, wherein an arbiter accepts either a player's bid for his seasons' pay or the owner's offer of what the player is worth, steps up players' salaries in the years before they qualify as free agents and can negotiate

their worth in the open market. A player needs six years of service before he can become a free agent.

Now the players, citing the game's prosperity, want eligibility rolled back to two years. The owners, losers in so many contract tussles in the past, insist they won't give up the concession they won.

Fans keep Ali in mosque

JAKARTA, Indonesia, March 17, (AP): Thousands of fans of Mohammad Ali crowded the entrance of the Isticial Mosque yesterday and prevented the former boxing cham-pion from leaving for an hour.

Ali, who arrived last Tuesday for a weeklong visit in Jakarta, was pray-ing at Southeast Asia's largest mosque along with some 70,000 Io a brief address before the prayer, Ali said be was glad to have a chance to pray in the capital of the

world's most populous Muslim "We love you Ali," the worshippers chorused.

After the prayer, Ali was guided to the podium to lead an Islamic confession of creed.

Later, thousands of people, mostly youths, packed the main entrance, preventing Ali from getting out of the

Ab was also scheduled to be a guest at a combination music and boxing show tomorrow.



Proper way

French national soccer team coach Michel Platini demonstrates the proper way to thread the ball through a wall of players in a free lich situation, during a special demonstration camp in Zeist, Netherlands on Friday, (Reuter wirephoto)

Prayers offered

Florenca Griffith Joynar (right), US triple gold medallist in tha Seoul Olympic Games, and her husband offar prayers for the atomic bomb victims at a cenotaph in the Hiroshima Mamorial Park yesterday.

Chalmers scores three penalties

Scotland stun England for triple crown

EDINBURGH, March 17, (Reuter): Scotland turned on a vintage performance of fire and commitment today to upset England 13-7 and win the Five Nations Rugby Union Championship.
The Scots, three-to-one under-

dogs before the match, clinched not only the championship but also the Grand Slam and triple crown. In addition they regained the Calcutta Cup in the 105th encounter between rugby's oldest rivals. Scotland, electing to play with the wind, rocked England from the opening whistle, driving the

visitors deep into their own half. New Zealand referee David Bishop penalised England three times in the first five minutes, giving Scots fly-half Craig Chalmers two chances at goal. Chalmers converted the second of these, then three min-utes later made a half break

which put the Scots back on to the attack. England prop Jeff Probyn was penalised for stamping and Chal-mers calmly kicked another pen-

alty from 22 metres. The visitors at last fought their way into Scots territory and number eight Mike Teague made a bullocking run from the scrum. The ball was swung wide at high speed along the England

backline through captain Will Carling to his fellow centre Jeremy Guscott.

Guscott threw a marvellous dummy and carried on to score in the corner.

England kept up the pressure and showed their confidence by running the ball from four kickable penalties but the only further score before the interval was a third Chahners penalty.
The score which swung the

match came two minutes into the

second half. Scots loose forward John Jeffrey wrestled the ball free, fed scrum-half Gary Armstrong who set full-back Gavin Hastings clear on the right.

Hastings lobbed a perfect cen-

tre kick and winger Tony Stanger, following through at top speed, grabbed the ball above his head to score. England again rallied and fullback Simon Hodgkinson was given his first chance to kick for

Hodgkinsoo narrowed the gap to six points but failed the two further attempts as it became increasingly clear that the gallant home side were going to hold on for one of their greatest victories. Hastings's brother Scott, playing at centre, ankle-tapped Rory Underwood when the elusive England winger appeared to

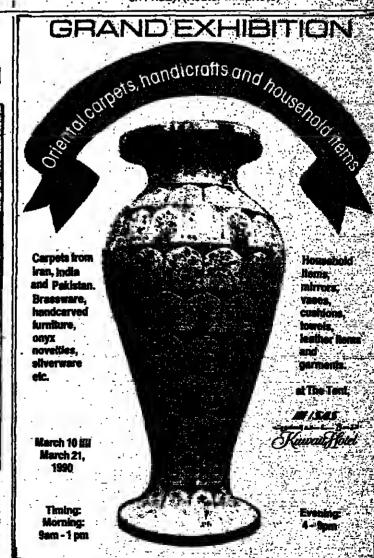


Scottish players practicing before the match. (Reuter wirepholo)

have slipped the defence. Then scrum-half Richard Hill was almost over in the 80th minute but the Scots defence again

"We were written off by

everybody. It's an amazing feeling," said Scottish captain David Sole as his team celebrated. "We knew we would be up against it, and would need to tackle and



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